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Woman killed as truck slams into tree

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» Aside from NMC crash, 3 also injured in San Jose car collission

A woman died when a pickup truck she was driving slammed into a tree near the Northern Marianas College in Finasisu early yesterday morning.

On Saturday night, a man suffered serious injuries while two other persons were also injured when a car ran off the roadway in San Jose, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

In the Finasisu incident, a doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center

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DEREK GERSONDE

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services rescue personnel extricated 28-year-old Carlynn Mae Camacho from this red pickup truck after it slammed into a tree near the Northern Marianas College in Finasisu yesterday early morning. Camacho was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center.

'NPS report reveals military's 'blatant disregard' for EIS commitments'

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The National Park Service report this month accusing the Department of the Navy of ignoring stipulated agreements between the CNMI and the military and its earlier commitments to historic preservation plans in its live-fire training plans on Tinian has drawn the concerns of the respective chairs of the House and Senate committees on federal agencies or relations.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), chair of the House committee federal Relations & Independent Agencies, and Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), chair of the Senate committee on Federal & Foreign Affairs, said the

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'Learning other cultures key to better understanding'

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REPORTER

Learning the cultures and traditions of others promote respect, which would lead to better understanding, according to Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera and visiting Participate and Learn program director Kuniko Sasaki.

Sasaki and program founder Yasuo Miyazama are part of a 180-person delegation of Japanese students and their chaperons, teachers, and officials of Seisa High School that spent almost a week on Saipan where they visited MHS and San Antonio Middle School.

The Japanese group's visit coincided with MHS' annual celebration of Cultural Day last Friday, where an hour-long program featuring dances and music from each culture was held. It was also the PAL program's 30th anniversary.

Cabrera said the MHS' student popu-

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JON PEREZ

The Dako-on, Japanese traditional drums (taiko) team, performs during last Friday's Cultural Day celebration at Marianas High School. The team is composed of current and former students of Seisa High School.

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LOCAL

Eleven students will represent the islands in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association competition after bagging gold medals in the four-day regional competition.

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Grieving residents of this small Kansas town parked riding lawnmowers with American flags planted beside them along some streets on Saturday.

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Local

CUC to submit rate case applications to CPUC soon

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is in the process of finalizing its rate case applications, which will be submitted before the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

In a board meeting last Saturday, the CUC board discussed with their consultants, Economists.com, their rate case applications.

A new docket, Docket 16-01, for the power side is being finalized.

The rate adjustment proposal will include two surcharges: the Disaster Recovery surcharge, which will be $0.0145 per kilowatt hour; and the Capital Improvement surcharge of $0.0225 per kilowatt hour.

The Disaster Recovery surcharge, which is designed to recover CUC's 10 percent share in typhoon damages, will be implemented across all ratepayers.

The Capital Improvement surcharge, on the other hand, will be only be applied to commercial and government accounts. This will help CUC recover its capital improvement projects at $2.6 million a year. This would mean a total of $0.037 per kilowatt hour surcharge for the said accounts.

Both surcharges are set to expire a year after the implementation.

The consultants added that additional rate adjustments will be required if a law compelling businesses on public properties to connect to the grid fails to pass, if the bill requiring CUC ratepayers to pay for street lighting costs becomes law, if usage fails below forecast, if maintenance or capital improvements on aging system higher than anticipated, or if uncollectible are higher than expected.

These surcharges come after the majority of the board approved their addition to their rate application.

In earlier discussions, Economists.com told the board that it has the unique opportunity to "invest" some of its "savings" because of the low cost of fuel, meaning they could adjust rates but their ratepayers would still pay lower than what they paid two years ago.

Basing on a uniformed rate, they recommended adding across the board $0.008 per kWh for the $1.5 million needed for CUC to recover from the settlement agreement with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and increase in bad debts; $0.007 per kWh for CUC's $1.2 million debt payment to the CDA; $0.015 per kWh to pay for the $3 million share of CUC for typhoon restoration; and $0.027 per kWh to have $5,219,265 for non grant-funded capital project requirement.

This would total $10.9 million in revenues for CUC to improve its quality of service, financial health, and pay costs CUC has incurred since last year.

However, the board decided to adopt only two surcharges with restrictions on amounts and which accounts will be affected.

Clarification

"Rates are a decision made by board. They reflect the policy decision the board makes," Economists.com managing director and chief executive Dan Jackson said in an interview.

In February last year, Jackson reported in a joint hearing

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Camacho disqualifies himself from presiding over sex offender's case

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has disqualified himself from presiding over the case of a sex offender who is facing charges for failure to update the Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry Section about his verification information and for having contact with minor children.

In his order on Friday granting defendant Ivan Jones Castro's motion to disqualify or recuse, Camacho said he was the then-attorney for Castro's co-defendant in a prior criminal case.

Camacho said as then-counsel for Castro's co-defendant, he may have been privy to information about Castro that were not brought to light in trial or in a meaningful proceeding about the facts of the case.

In such circumstance, Camacho said where Castro is brought before the judge's court—years later—the law requires the fact-finder to determine whether disqualification is truly necessary.

"The very judge subject to disqualification may not preside over the evidentiary hearing—whether there is merit to the claim or not," Camacho said.

The judge said Castro's motion to disqualify him is granted pursuant to a section of the Commonwealth Judicial Reorganization Act to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

With Camacho's disqualification, Castro's request for an evidentiary hearing is now moot.

In Castro's motion to recuse, assistant public defender Tillman Clark disclosed that Camacho, as a then-practicing attorney, represented Angel Santos, a co-defendant to Castro in a prior criminal case.

Clark said Santos took a position, which placed him in an adverse position to Castro by agreeing to testify against Castro.

"As such, Camacho was placed in a position as an attorney where it would be required to gather information and attack the background, character, and acts of Mr. Castro for the purposes of defending Mr. Santos," Clark said.

The defense lawyer said if the court denies their motion to recuse on its face, they alternatively request an evidentiary hearing on the matter.

In granting the motion, Camacho noted that the allegations raised by Castro, taken alone, do not support disqualification.

Camacho said to preserve the integrity of the judicial system and to avoid any appearance of impropriety, the law requires him to recuse or

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IN REJECTING PLEA AGREEMENT

Wiseman finds proposed 6-month sentence on Mondala too lenient

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman rejected as too lenient a plea agreement that proposed a six-month prison term on former Office of Aging director Rose DLG. Mondala who entered a guilty plea last week in connection with the charges that she used the Aging Office's funds and materials for the needs of the Covenant Party during the 2009 elections and to build a fence at her house in Kagman.

Wiseman said the facts alleged in the information state a very serious and continuous breach of the public trust at the public's expense.

"It should not be treated as lightly as stated in the plea agreement," Wiseman said.

Wiseman's statement in rejecting the plea agreement was read by Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo during the change of plea hearing on Thursday.

Govendo presided over the change of plea hearing because Wiseman, who is handling the case, was off-island at that time. Wiseman will sentence the defendant on March 30, 2016 at 1:30pm.

Wiseman acknowledged the doctor's statement regarding the illness of the 71-year-old Mondala, and that he took that into consideration in making his decision.

However, Wiseman said, he does not find a compelling reason to accept the plea agreement as it currently stands.

Wiseman said it is his opinion that if the government intended to drastically lower the number of charges from 41 to two, it should have amended the information to what the government believes is appropriate for prosecution.

"This court does not take criminal matters lightly," Wiseman stressed.

Wiseman said he sees no compelling justification for the immense difference in the number of crimes charged and the number of crimes Mondala has pleaded guilty to.

Wiseman also took special concern to the difference in the possibility of 126 years of incarceration and the possibility of six months of house arrest.

Wiseman said Mondala has the right to withdraw her plea agreement and allow the case to proceed to trial on March 14, 2016 as scheduled.

Mondala, who is represented by attorney Loren Sutton, opted not to withdraw her plea agreement.

Wiseman said it means that Mondala will be subject to the court's sentence, which may be more, or in some rare cases, even less that what the plea agreement proposes.

The total maximum sentence for the 41 charges, if Mondala were to have been convicted, would have been 126 years of prison term and/or up to $128,000 in fines.

The plea agreement proposes to impose Mondala a three-year sentence, all suspended except for six months.

She would serve the sentence under house arrest, with several conditions such as leaving the house for personal business.

Mondala pleaded guilty to one count of forgery and one count of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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lation is diverse, with 18 different ethnicities, and the annual celebration does not only promote local culture—Chamorro and Carolinian—but also those of other ethnicities studying in one of the CNMI's oldest schools.

"This is an opportunity by the students to learn different cultures. Some of the clubs or each class—freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors—were also asked to choose and study to represent another culture. You're also promoting your culture and at the same time you also learn the culture of others," Cabrera said.

"We are celebrating all the cultures. This is part of our efforts in showing that we've become global and we need to understand each of our differences," added Cabrera, who welcomed the Japanese delegation along with Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), and 2015 Miss Northern Marianas Jian Joyner.

Sasaki, who has been part of the PAL program for 20 years, said every year they bring Japanese students on Saipan as part of educating and introducing them to other cultures.

"This is a wonderful program for the young generation so they would learn the type of life of other people in order to better understand each other. This also show that we can still communicate even beyond the language barrier," said Sasaki, who considers Saipan her second home.

"It is important to let the young generation learn beyond their country's borders. Learning our differences is a key on how to better understand each other. Hope this understanding would lead to friendship that would bring a peaceful world, a world without war," added Sasaki, who became slightly emotional.

More than 30 booths were spread out at the east side of the MHS campus, while the school's different clubs and the visiting Japanese students had various presentations of songs and dances.

CAMACHO

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disqualify himself from this case.

In the footnote of his order, Camacho noted that his then-client, Santos, was the only defendant who pleaded guilty in the prior case.

Camacho said at the time, the Office of the Attorney General dismissed without prejudice the charges against Castro and the other co-defendants.

As of the filing of this order or after six years, Camacho said the OAG has not re-filed the charges against Castro and two others.

The prior case was about the kidnapping of a student in Kagman on June 15, 2010, and raping her at Tank Beach. Castro and Santos were four men charged.

Santos and his then-counsel Camacho signed a plea deal with the government. Santos pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sexual assault in the first degree.

In June 2011, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Santos to 15 years in prison.

According to Santos, he only served as a lookout as it was his co-defendants Castro, Joseph Camacho Jr., and Alfred P. Hocog who abducted and then raped the victim.

In December 2010, Wiseman dismissed without prejudice the charges against Castro, Joseph Camacho Jr., and Hocog, at the request of the OAG, after the results of a DNA test turned up inconclusive.

CUC

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of the 19th Legislature's Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication Committees that CUC incurred about $80 million in operating losses since 2006 and that the utility agency might have one year left if it continues to struggle financially.

Asked if the surcharges will be enough for CUC to recover and maintain its operations since there were warnings of the company running out of money in October, Jackson said, "It would certainly help, but CUC does have a lot of financial challenges and this is a very positive step forward for CUC."

During the meeting, board vice chair Eric San Nicolas took the opportunity to "clarify" certain "popular belief" about the CUC board.

San Nicolas said that he hopes that the reporting of the rate adjustments will "give the impression that we are doing our job and that we're not, contrary to blog or popular belief, that we don't know what we are doing. It is evident in the rates that we are addressing by line item that we are taking business very, very seriously contrary to one particular director's opinion."

Eliminate water/waste water electric charge

For water and waste water, CUC will be amending Docket 15-03 which they submitted to the CPUC last April which will eliminate the water and waste water electric charge on their customers' bill and instead include an electric surcharge to the power side.

Jackson said the customers' electric charge will go up but their water charge will decrease significantly because of this adjustment.

According to legal counsel James Sirok, they would just amend last year's application to state that the surcharge will be $0.013 per kilowatt hour instead of the earlier determined $0.019 per kWh.

"We're putting [the applications] together now. We're developing and we're filing at the end of this week coming or the following week," Sirok said.

WOMAN

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pronounced the victim, identified as Carlynn Mae Camacho, 28, dead at 4:34am.

DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde said firefighters used Jaws of Life tools to extricate Camacho, who was trapped in the wrecked pickup truck.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety's 911 dispatch regarding a car accident in Finasisu yesterday at 3:59am.

Gersonde said at 4:01am, firefighters and medics from Susupe and Kagman fire stations responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, emergency medical technicians came upon a pickup truck that was pinned up against a tree.

Camacho, the driver of the truck, was found to have no pulse and was not breathing.

Gersonde said after Camacho was extricated, medics performed cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on her and transported her to CHC.

Gersonde said information about the cause of the accident and other details should be coming from DPS.

Saipan Tribune contacted DPS for more information, but acting information officer Jason Tarkong said he will release details about the two incidents by today, Monday.

In the San Jose accident, Gersonde said all three victims were transported to the CHC emergency room.

Gersonde said when emergency medical technicians responded to the scene, a 29-year-old man, who was the passenger, was out of the car and was unconscious with a six-inch laceration to the back of head.

The driver, a 28-year-old man, complained of pain all over his body.

The other victim, an unconscious female, was sitting in the back of the car.

Gersonde said that, on Saturday at 10:34pm, DFEMS received a call from DPS 911 dispatch regarding an overturned car in San Jose.

Gersonde said DFEMS personnel later found out that the car did not overturn but ran off the roadway.

At 10:36pm, firefighters and medics from Susupe, Garapan, Koblerville, and Kagman fire stations responded to the location.

Upon arrival, Gersonde said emergency medical technicians came upon a car with three victims.

Gersonde said medics applied a cervical collar and used a spine board to stabilize the victims' neck and spine as well as to control the bleeding.

Gersonde said the cause of the accident should be released by DPS and that information on the status of the victims and treatment should referred to CHC information office.

NPS

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report leaves some questions that need to be answered by the Department of Defense and casts doubt on future assurances the military might give to "mitigate" the impacts of the planned live-fire project.

"The NPS report reveals very troubling revelations pointing to the Navy's blatant disregard for what was contained in earlier EIS agreements," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*. "The action of the Navy certainly does not set good precedent for future promises or mitigations. In fact, their latest action is an indication that the concerns of our community do not really matter to them."

According to the Park Service's report, the Navy appears to have ignored its earlier assurances to enhance the Tinian historical district based on its historical findings and recommendations. This assurance was stipulated in a 2011 programmatic agreement between Guam, the CNMI, and the Department of Defense for earlier environmental impact studies for the "Guam Build-up" project and states that: "DOD will coordinate with the NPS to update the Tinian NHL historic district, based on the results of" the Navy-sponsored historical studies.

However, the Park Service, in its report, said this has not been addressed.

In May 2010, the Navy completed a study that identified zones for "resource protection" and military "activity mitigation," among others, to "strike a balance between" stewardship and military training.

The Park Service argues that—given the geographic overlap between areas of potential effect in the earlier project and the live-fire training ranges in question—the military's live-fire alternatives "should have been informed by the findings and recommendations" that the Navy adopted in its earlier project.

"This clearly did not occur in a meaningful way," the Park Service said. "…Not only are the training constraint area[s]" and report recommendations "seemingly ignored by the CJMT proposed undertaking, some of the most significant impacts to historic and cultural resources would occur in training constraint areas, the Interpretation Zone, and/or would result from actions that go against" the Navy's own findings.

"I don't see how the Navy could simply backtrack on its own studies and previously approved historical protection and mitigation zones," Demapan said, when drawn to this concern. "The Navy's action is yet another cause for the erosion of public confidence in the military proposals being forced upon our islands."

For his part, Palacios said that if the military ignored plans on historic preservation, "what else are they ignoring?" "Is this the only issue they ignored in the EIS? We should be a little bit more vigilant in what comes out to make sure" that this does not happen.

Palacios commended and thanked NPS and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for completing the study. "…There is a still a lot of work to do to address the historic preservation and site issues. I hope the Department of Defense goes back and address some of those major issues. For sustained live-fire [training], it's obvious it is going to have an impact on those sites."

Woman arrested for allegedly stealing store cashier's cellphone

Police arrested in San Antonio on Thursday a woman who allegedly entered a store in western Garapan and stole the cashier's cellphone last Valentine's Day.

Police said a surveillance camera led to the identification of the suspect, 21-year-old Laraad Aldan Ramangmou.

Police Detective Leopoldo Theodore M. Duenas Jr. disclosed in his report that it was veteran police detective Catherine Pangelinan who identified the suspect as Ramangmou through the surveillance's footage.

Pangelinan is handling Ramangmou's other pending criminal cases.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $10,000 cash bail on the defendant for theft.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government.

Duenas said Ramangmou entered the Family Store in western Garapan last Feb. 14 at about 4pm and walked around the store.

While the cashier was attending to other customers, Ramangmou allegedly picked up the cashier's Samsung M14 worth $400 from the cashier's counter then hid it in her pocket. The suspect then went outside and got into a car.

In January 2015, Ramangmou was arrested for allegedly punching a woman for refusing to let her borrow her car and then drove the vehicle away from her apartment unit in Susupe.

Ramangmou was caught after the alleged stolen vehicle—a red 2014 Hyundai Elantra sedan—that she was driving nearly caused an accident with other vehicles the following morning.

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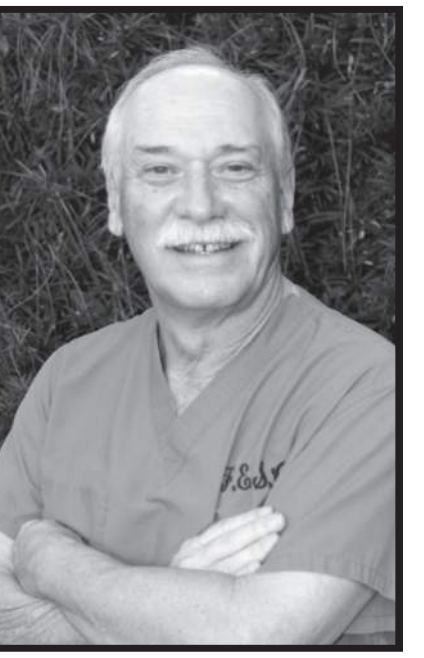

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NJSDA names national team to represent NMI

THOMAS MANGLONA II

Members of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association team that will represent the CNMI at the national tilt this June pose for a photo with there speech coaches at Mount Carmel School during the award ceremony.

Eleven students will represent the islands in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association competition after bagging gold medals in the four-day regional competition last week at Mt. Carmel School.

Over 100 students competed to earn the top spots in 11 categories in last week's tilt. NJSDA named the members of its national team that will represent the islands in the upcoming national contest this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Saipan International School's Shea Hartig will represent the islands in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Saipan Community School's Kate Ishida will be competing in the original oratory category; Deirdre Rosete will compete in dramatic interpretation; Garapan Middle School's Jody Coloma will represent in the humorous interpretation category; and Grace Christian Academy's Hyunin "Harry" Noh will represent the islands in extemporaneous speaking.

Esther Park, from Saipan Community School, will compete in the prose category, with GCA's Esther Kim for storytelling, SCS' James Park for poetry, Jonathan Wolf, from Dan Dan Middle School, for Declamation, and Kalea Borja, from Mt. Carmel School, for impromptu speaking. Cha Cha Middle School's Esther Jones and Nina Vladisimo will represent the islands in duo acting.

Students from 14 junior high schools qualified to compete in the regional competition by competing in meets throughout the year with nearly 200 other students.

Student contestants who competed in Chamorro and Carolinian categories who will be sent to the mainland will be announced at a later date.

First-time competitor Shea Hartig said she is very honored and thankful for the opportunity to represent the islands.

"I joined speech and debate not knowing it would lead to me entering debate and eventually winning it," she said. " I am very excited and thrilled. I am going to work as hard as I possibly can and get the help I need and fight my hardest."

Fellow orator Esther Jones said that she joined to follow in her sister's footsteps and represent the islands nationally.

"I am really excited about this. My sister went last year and I wanted to try it out this year. It was so much fun," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

One of the youngest competitors, 6th grader Jonathan Wolf, is a veteran Primary Grades Forensic Conference contestant and explained that speech and debate "helps me with my schooling." He added, "It makes me more confident to speak in front of people. I was really praying to win. It was so cool when I won."

NJSDA registrar and board member Mary Angela Wheat noted that this year's competition was "the smoothest ever" due to the collaboration among the students, coaches, and their schools.

Cha Cha Middle School coach Joylynn Jones recognized that the speech and debate association as a whole is progressing to become even more competitive.

She added, "The students are being a lot more competitive in the ranks of all the kids who go to nationals."

Jones noted that her students practiced four times a week for the competition.

CNMI Speech and Debate Association board chair Harold Easton lauded the student orators for their fear of not speaking in public.

"We always send good students," he said." The skill level has increased. Our kids work very hard and the coaches do a great job and the community support is excellent."

PGFC for elementary students and National Speech and Debate Association competition for high school students are expected to take place in late March and early April. Gold medalists of the high school tilt will join the NJSDA team in Utah. ***(Thomas A. Manglona II)***

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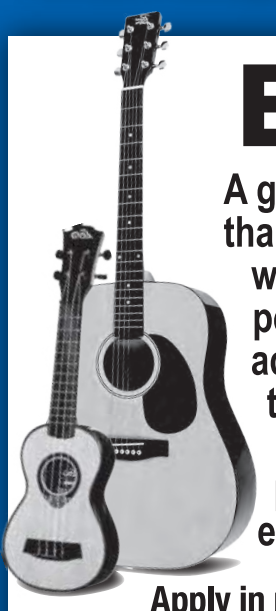

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Minors need written consent for tattoos

Under a new law, persons under the age of 18 are prohibited from getting a tattoo without the written consent of the parent or legal guardian.

Acting governor Francisco Borja signed last week Senate Bill 19-5, HD2, which sets a fine of not more than $1,000 to those convicted of unlawfully tattooing a minor.

The new law mandates "consent of a minor's parent or legal guardian" to mean the present of a parent or legal guardian during the performance of the tattoo—after—the parent or legal guardian has provided identification and proof of familial relationship, and a written permission signed by the parent of legal guardian to authorize the tattoo.

The bill states that tattoos are a form of art with which one expresses themselves but that minors "may not be mature enough to make such a decision" and may be left with "permanent scars on their bodies and potentially be exposed to infectious disease if tattooed."

"It is highly inappropriate for any person under the age of eighteen to be covered in tattoo," the bill states.

"A minor's future career may also be affected by tattoos if they plan to join the U.S. military," it adds. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

Minor change in Liberation Day grounds layout

Except for the area where alcoholic beverages will be sold, the site layout for the carnival grounds of this year's Fourth of July Liberation Day will remain essentially the same as last year's.

Saipan Mayor's Office safety officer Mac Chargualaf is suggesting that a fence be built where local distributors and independent brewers will be located. "This is to keep their area safe from kids and the underage," said Chargualaf during the committee meeting last Wednesday at the SMO conference room.

Chargualaf is part of the team that is in charge of logistics and preparation of the site where the Liberation Day carnival will be located. The Garapan Fishing Base, right across Kristo Rai church, where most of the celebration will be held.

Tents, electrical wiring, streetlights, lumber, plywood, wood pallets, and trash collection bins are some of the things for the site preparation.

"The layout would be the same as last year. I see no reason to change it, with the exception of the area where alcohol will be sold," said Chargualaf. "We need to know how many will be using 220s and 110s [volts] so we could put each of them in one area."

All local distributors of alcohol and beer have expressed their intention in putting up booths for the Liberation Day carnival. The committee expects all of them to comply with the regulations and have the proper documents needed for their operation.

Chargualaf said that a Department of Commerce Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control representative should be invited in the next meeting to discuss information needed for the operation of said establishments.

The 2016 Liberation Day committee is also reminding the public that they can still submit entries for the slogan. Entries must have a brief essay that is related to the significance of the anniversary's impact in the lives of the people of the CNMI.

The deadline for submission is today, Feb. 29, 4pm at the SMO or email your entries at ldcnmi@gmail.com. The winning slogan will get $500. ***(Jon Perez)***

Delta turns artworks to commemorative books

The Japanese Community School of Saipan and the Saipan Awaodori Team received special commemorative books as gifts from Delta Air Lines last Feb. 18 at the Paseo de Marianas.

The 90 books that were published in Japan commemorate the visit of Delta's sales executives and other top officials on Saipan last December.

"Delta donated some exclusive books to [JCSS] as a token of our appreciation for their hospitality shown when our leadership team held meetings on Saipan in December 2015," said Delta sales account executive Chris A. Concepcion.

JCSS students and the Saipan Awaodori Team participated in the annual Christmas in the Marianas Festival at the Paseo de Marianas.

The book contains the unique artwork made by CNMI students that were displayed at the Paseo de Marianas during the Christmas festival.

"Delta collected the artwork and sought a publishing company in Japan that was able to feature the artwork along with some photos of the event in an exclusive book," Concepcion said.

Concepcion presented the books to the students and to PDM officials led by Misako Kamata, Aya Matsumoto, Ryusuke Asakura, Hideaki Sawada, and Takahiro Omori. ***(Jon Perez)***

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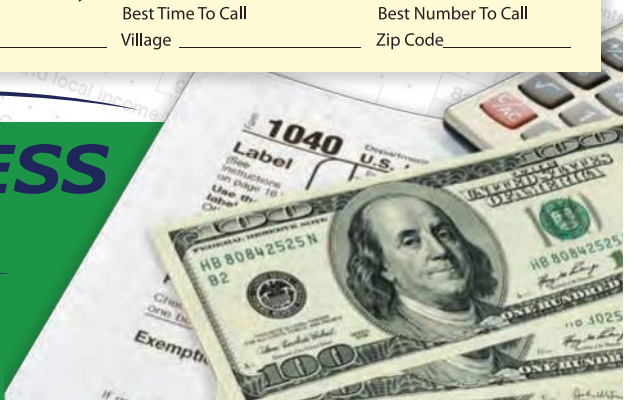

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CUC-IFB-16-005

WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT, SAILING DRIVE, DANDAN (W12-022D)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Water Main Extension Project in Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work consists of the installation of approximately 940 LF of new 8-inch PVC water line, along with approximately 500 LF of new 2" PVC water line. It will also involve the reconnection of new and existing customers onto the new waterlines within the project area.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **75 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **March 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-005, Water Main Extension Project, Sailing Drive, Dandan** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 18, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 3, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, CUC Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer – via email john.riegel@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
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SPECIAL NOTICE

General Contractors, Suppliers, and Interested Firms

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting general contractors, suppliers, and interested firms to attend an informational conference pertaining to USEPA Grant Funded Water & Wastewater projects that CUC will procure in this fiscal year. Overall, these projects include construction work, repair work, and supply of goods and equipment on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian.

Proposed Projects for Fiscal Year 2016 (Saipan, Tinian & Rota):

- Renovation of Wastewater Lift Station SR1
- Rota Water System Improvement
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- Tinian Water System Improvements
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- Water Main Replacement in Capitol Hill
- Water Main Replacement in As Lito
- Replacement of the NMC Water Reservoir
- Water Main Replacement in Gualo Rai
- Repair of Stand by Generators
- Water Main Replacement-Herman's Bakery
- Water Main Replacement in Chalan Kiya
- Water Main Extension on Sailing Drive
- Design and Construction of Improvements to the Maui Well Shafts

Conference Information:

Place : CUC Conference Room
3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950
Date : March 3, 2016
Time : 10:00 a.m. ChST
Contact : Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer,
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John Riegel, Senior Engineer, e-mail address: john.riegel@cucgov.org

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BECQ Cleanup Brigade takes on Pak Pak Beach next

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Cleanup Brigade will be at it again picking up trash at Pak Pak Beach in San Antonio on March 5, 2016 at 8 am.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, please meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Pak Pak Beach entrance at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

The Marine Beach Cleanup was successful with 48 volunteers participating. Thanks to, students from Hopwood Jr. High School, Tanapag Middle School, Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School/ YEA Club, Commonwealth Ports Authority-Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, and other volunteers about 360 lbs of marine debris was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

The BECQ is looking forward to a repeat success on Saturday, so join BECQ's monthly cleanup brigade and "Pick It Up!" Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, please contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(PR)***

3rd grief support meeting on March 3

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, March 3, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

The group offers understanding and hope to parents, siblings, and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause.

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan also provides a safe, confidential setting, in which to share experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and listening.

The group does not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. ***(PR)***

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Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor Hocog, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested licensed companies to provide construction services for the renovation of the Sinapalo Baseball Field in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning **February 1, 2016** at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan or the Rota NMHC Field Office located in Songsong Village, Rota, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays. A non-refundable payment of **Twenty Five Dollars *($25.00) is required for each set.*** Payment shall be by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM130001 for the Mariana Islands.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2016,** at the Rota Mayor's Office Conference in Rota, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2016-005.** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill (Former EMO Office), Saipan, no later than **11:00 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **11:00 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than March 11, 2016, AND the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than **March 18, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **11:00 a.m. local time, March 21, 2016.** However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **11:30 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable le to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

For information, contact Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

/s/ Edward C. Sablan
NMHC Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

Tinian leaders finally settle USGS debt

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From left, Marianas Public Land Trust trustees Peter Q. Cruz, Martin Ada, and Frica T. Pangelinan, Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, 15th Tinian Municipal Council chair Raynaldo M. Cing, Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), Senate President Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian), 19th Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Senator Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, and Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (Ind-Tinian) pose for a group photo.

The trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust voted unanimously last Feb. 25 to approve the Municipality of Tinian's request for a $1.3 million loan.

Tinian requested for a loan from MPLT to satisfy the 2005 judgment in the amount of $1.3 million that was entered against the municipality by the federal court for work and materials provided by the U.S. Geological Survey for exploratory drilling on Tinian in 1989.

The federal court in December of 2015 granted the federal government's writ of execution which levied Tinian's Municipal funds meant for payment of employees, programs and services.

"After close to 20 years of owing this debt to the federal government, I am pleased to announce that the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan has fully satisfied the judgment that was ordered by the district court in US v. Borja," said Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas. "By fully satisfying the judgment now per the Payment Installment Agreement entered into in January, we have saved the Municipality of Tinian close to $600,000 in interest. These are funds that we can put to better use elsewhere."

"No one is happier than I am to finally pay off this debt as I was the sitting mayor when the municipality was sued," said acting governor and Senate President Francisco M. Borja (Ind-Tinian) who was present at the MPLT when the loan was approved. "This loan will now allow us to focus on other critical issues that need to be addressed on Tinian without worrying about the federal government looking over our shoulder."

"The levy could not have come at the worst time as it was executed on New Year's Eve. However, this leadership worked swiftly and collaboratively to address the situation. We are now in a position to reallocate and reprioritize our limited financial resources to continue our delivery of essential programs and services and maintain employment of our people," said San Nicolas.

The Tinian Legislative Delegation pledged a portion of Tinian's share of the annual casino license fee collected pursuant to Public Law 18-56 to service the loan from MPLT. The loan is for a three-year term at the annual interest rate of 5 percent. "I am thankful that the Trustees saw the urgency and the value in investing these funds in the people of Tinian. Just as we pledged to satisfy the USGS judgment, I am confident that we are able to live up to the obligations of this loan," said San Nicolas.

The municipality has already made its first annual payment to MPLT in the amount $450,000 as appropriated by Tinian Local Law 19-10.

San Nicolas extends his appreciation to the Tinian Leadership, the MPLT trustees, and the CNMI Secretary of Finance Larissa Larson for their efforts in the loan process.

"This was definitely a process which required teamwork. The expeditious approval of our request was the result of the collaboration between the Tinian Mayor's Office, the Tinian Municipal Council, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of Finance, Governor Torres and Lt. Governor Hocog, and the staff and management of MPLT. I thank everyone for their effort and support," he said. ***(PR)***

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COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting on March 9, 2016, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Saipan World Resort, Lilac Room.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – November 12, 2015
V. ACTION ITEMS
  a. Ratification/Approval of FY 2017 DD Basic Grant Budget
  b. Ratification/Approval of FY 2017 AT Act Grant Budget
  c. Ratification/Approval of Proposed FY 2017 Commonwealth Respite Service Program Budget
VI. REPORTS
  a. Chairman
  b. Executive Director
  c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
  d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
VII. OLD BUSINESS
  a. Disability Network Partners Update
  b. March 2016 Developmental Disabilities & Employment Awareness Month
  c. Commonwealth Respite Service Program Update
  d. 2017 – 2021 DD Basic Grant Five Year State Plan Focus Group Meetings and Surveys Updates
VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  a. Transition Coalition
  b. Autism Awareness Month
  c. NMC-UCEDD Data Collection/Survey Monkey
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XII. MISCELLANEOUS
XIII. NEXT MEETING
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ John Demapan
Chairman

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WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Human Resources Clerk
CLOSE DATE: March 10, 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in human resources or administrative preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide support, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Bellhop
CLOSE DATE: March 10, 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. A valid Driver's License is required and must be 25 years old or older. Experience in a hotel environment preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Food & Beverage Supervisor
CLOSE DATE: March 10, 2016 **SALARY:** $7.50 - $8.00 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum 2 years experience as a supervisory level in the food and beverage service. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. Three (3) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Server
CLOSE DATE: March 10, 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a readily smiling individual highly preferred. Fourteen (14) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Gift Shop Cashier
CLOSE DATE: March 10, 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Landscaper
CLOSE DATE: March 10 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two (2) years of experience in related field strongly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Maintenance Repairer
CLOSE DATE: March 10 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two (2) years of experience in related field strongly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: February 25, 2016 **POSITION:** Lifeguard
CLOSE DATE: March 10 2016 **SALARY:** $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. Four (4) positions are currently available.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Apple should open the iPhone

Apple has every right to challenge a federal magistrate's order to help the FBI unlock a terrorist's cellphone. This is a legal issue that needs to be resolved, and it is a discussion the nation needs to have.

However the underlying principle is this: No storage device, whether it's an old-fashioned filing cabinet or the most advanced iPhone, can be immune to a court-approved search. If Apple can provide a "key" to unlock the phone used by a terrorist, Apple should be compelled to do so.

Syed Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, killed 14 people and wounded 22. The FBI has the iPhone supplied to him by his employer, San Bernardino County.

Farook's phone is password protected. The FBI wants Apple to help disable a function that erases the phone's data after multiple incorrect attempts to enter that password. Then the FBI could use other software to enter passwords until it guesses the correct one.

Apple says helping the FBI would be an undue burden. Apple further argues that forcing it to write code to unlock the phone compels speech and violates the First Amendment. While code can be deemed speech, this seems more like a high-tech version of requiring Apple to construct a key.

Apple also argues that Congress, rather than the courts, should decide the case. Congress must get involved in this issue, but this case already is in court. Waiting for Congress could take so much time that information on the phone becomes useless.

We understand that Apple customers need to trust that its phones are secure. But information on the phone might lead to other suspects or to people planning future attacks. That must be given great weight in the attempt to balance the needs of law enforcement against the need to provide reasonable security to iPhone users.

Not that Apple should be compelled to unleash a tool that would allow hackers to plunder its customers' phones, which contain an increasing amount of personal data. The goal is to protect against hackers without depriving law enforcement of evidence that could save lives.

The answer is for the courts — and, increasingly, Congress — to define the scope of cooperation that companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and the others must provide. Tech companies should be allowed to comply by using the narrowest scope possible. They should not be compelled to build a "back door" into every device. Apple claims that's what the government is asking it to do in the terrorism case; the feds say that's not true.

History shows that the potential for government abuse is serious and real. That means oversight and penalties must be serious and real—and they haven't always been. No wonder civil libertarians are worried about a precedent that would give the government sweeping powers to unlock personal data.

On the other hand, law enforcement officials rightfully are equally concerned about a precedent that precludes government from gaining access to digital evidence.

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Leap Year

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In my state of penury, I get email offers to rent a private jet. I yen for an hour on a g650 Gulfstream, even just in my dreams, a good reason to leap up this Leap Year. And leap, I shall. The whole month of March shall be my last month to write this column daily. I've threatened to quit before, now the threat is no longer just mine. We will cut frequency rather than forego the exercise all together. I told a friend at PSS that I will be joining the ranks again, and will cease from writing.

"Oh, no," she said. "Keep writing while you are teaching," she added. Until we meet all existing obligations, we will probably continue with the scribbling, but I encourage others to take on the task, not to display literary erudition (we did not have any) but simply to express one's self. As I averred elsewhere, the person and the perspective cannot be divorced from each other, in spite of the Enlightenment goal to "objectivity" that we forced into our journalistic accounts. The perspective matters. Pretensions at objectivity is exactly that, a pretense.

Anyway, the Earth makes a complete revolution around the sun in 365.25, so every four years, the Gregorian calendar add a day in February and dubs it a "leap year." An added day makes the day sequence after leap year two days from the previous one, so for the three years usual years, the year's day goes one after the other, but on the fourth year, it "leaps" a day. Got it?

There are other explanations, but do we really care?

Calendars. There are many in history categorized as solar (Gregorian), lunar (Jewish), lunisolar (China), and planetary (Egyptian to Venus). Four weeks in the lunar calendar completes 28 days, the phases of the moon.

The solar Hijri is the official calendar of Iran and Afghanistan, considered the most rational in existence, with 31 days on the first six months, 30 days on the next five, and 29 days on the 12th month during usual years turning 30 on the fourth, a leap year. Its New Year begins in spring, in the vernal equinox from astronomical observations rather than mathematical rules. A 33-year cycle is adjusted on the 29th and 37th years but New Years day always falls on the vernal equinox in March.

The western Zodiac follows the constellations, Aries to Pisces; the eastern one follows the qualities of animals. In the west, we look up the skies; in the east, we journey with the monkey this year. In the West, we name the sky wonder as divine; in the east, we wage in the down-and-dirty characteristics of familiar animals. Take your pick. I've forsaken staring up in the sky; I locate the profound in the here-and-now on Earth.

Pope Gregory started count on the birth year of Jesus in the last 434 years. The Solar Hajri in longer use begins the Year One with the Hegira of Mohammad from Mecca to Medina 662 anno domini; during the Shah's reign, Cyrus the Great, familiar to Biblical readers as the ruler who let the Jews return to the Promised land after their Babylonian captivity more than 500 years before Jesus, started the count so what was 1355 in the old Islamic calendar was 2535 in the Shah's calendar.

If you think this is confusing, figure out how China counts its days and years. Beijing goes by the Gregorian calendar, the one used by Europe to which ascendant Zhongguo accommodated. But the countryside calendar is lunar that insures the New Year to remain exactly between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox of spring. While the Gregorian regulates the formal conduct of administrative offices, the lunar one follows the season and is more popularly in Chinese cultural festivals.

On Saipan, there is a run against time as staffing, e.g., the construction company BSI of the Imperial Pacific International Holdings Lt. that got battered in the 2014 HK stock listing and referred to by a wit as a lot of BS, International, relies on foreign labor for management and operation. U.S. laws after the CW-in-the-CNMI-only provision expires 2019 recognizes residency in immigration procedures.

Over staying one's visa is not unusual. An acquaintance when I came on island revealed that for every legitimate electrical connection, there were nine that bypassed the meter. The Feds ignored the ingenuity. Water distribution was even worst. A source in Papago piped its water to the village below the hill. No metering was involved. The utility company allegedly did not care; they ran themselves like a subsidized public entity!

That was then. Now, we are more meticulous about the way we live; utilities are getting rationalized. Well, almost.

In my unit, the TV connected to a live line that the previous tenant had was not legit so the hook-up was quickly disconnected. Four doors of the total 12 on our building paid subscriptions. More than a dozen were turned on one evening. You may guess on the connection's legality.

But CW ingenuity is not just on TV connections. This island would not move without them. They bound; I leap!

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Oscars need not change

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Despite a few recent polls that suggest most Americans don't really care about the Oscars, I think we secretly do. It may not seem hip to have an opinion about who gets to "thank the academy" and a hundred thousand minor acquaintances before the music drowns them out, but I am one of the Americans who does care. This is not surprising, because I have never aspired to hipness. That possibility was squelched in the fourth grade with my coke bottle glasses and pocket-sized calorie counter.

But I don't believe I'll be alone this weekend, watching gorgeous women walk the red carpet in their gowns, handsome men strut by in elegant black tie and Bruce Jenner do a great impression of Caitlyn Jenner. The Oscars are the gold standard of awards shows.

It's nice to leave our drab and cluttered lives for the 10 hours it takes to watch the entire program.

At the beginning, the whole affair was pretty low-key, involving just a dinner and a couple of microphones. As the years progressed, however, it became the equivalent of a coronation, only it happened every year and our royalty was a lot better looking than England's.

There were a few controversies here and there. One year, George C. Scott boycotted the whole affair even though the academy had chosen him to receive the best actor award. Another year, Marlon Brando sent a Native American activist to pick up his Oscar for "The Godfather," thereby proving that Italians and red whine go together really well (and if my editor lets that sentence go through, I will be thanking a lot more than the academy).

One year, there was even a streaker. Those of you who are under the age of 40 probably have no idea what that is, but there was a fad in the early '70s where people would run by in their birthday suits and flash you indiscriminately. This time, the undistinguished fellow barged onto the stage behind David Niven, who had the genius comeback: "Isn't it fascinating to think that probably the only laugh that man will ever get in his life is by stripping off and showing his shortcomings?" Tina Fey hasn't written anything funnier in her entire career, and it only took Niven three seconds.

But recently, the Academy Awards have been pretty quiet, leaving the craziness and the noteworthy controversies to the Grammys, where Kanye West has spent the last few years calling everyone except his white wife — she's part Armenian — and her family racist.

Which is a nice segue into the point of this column. Now that we have resolved the problem with the Native Americans, crotchety old men and nudists, there is only one thing left for the Oscars to confront: racism. Of course, they have given it the nice, high-minded label of "lack of diversity," but we all know that they're not talking about integrating conservatives into the mix of presenters and nominees. The only type of diversity the complainers seem concerned about is the kind that is only, and you will pardon the expression, skin deep. There has been a violent backlash against the fact that none of the 20 main acting nominees are black. There has been a slight nod to the fact that very few other minorities were included in the acting categories, but the overall anger has been focused on the fact that there would be no shot at a black best actor, actress, supporting actor or supporting actress.

The stupid hashtag #oscarssowhite has became ubiquitous, almost as trendy as #blacklivesmatter. It became all the rage to say that you were going to boycott the Oscars because your husband wasn't nominated for an award. A lot of members of the Hollywood elite fell in line and took politically correct umbrage at the fact that minority actors and actresses were "snubbed." They accused the voting members of the academy of being stupid enough to actually believe ethnicity was irrelevant when measuring excellence. They complained about how rude it was for mainstream society to ignore the achievements of minorities in the industry, thereby forcing them to finance their own shows like the BET Awards and Miss Black America, where ethnicity is irrelevant (oh, wait …).

And when some white actors tried to explain that this preoccupation with color was counter-productive — people like the notoriously racist Meryl Streep, Michael Caine, and Charlotte Rampling, who waited more than 50 years for her first nomination — they were called the sort of names that would make even Spike Lee blush.

As someone who works with immigrants, I get the importance of diversity. Latino, Arab, Asian, African — they are all wonderful spices added to the Cream of Wheat mix, rescuing our melting pot from being a bland and easily digestible stew. But the idea that we owe people anything more than an opportunity is as offensive as telling someone their color was more important than their skill.

Fortunately, there are some people who do get it. At a recent awards ceremony, Jamie Foxx, who won a best actor Oscar for "Ray," said this: "I was with Sidney Poitier just a couple of weeks ago, and in 1963 all he asked for was an opportunity to act. That's all we have to do: opportunity. If you turn the camera on and say 'OK, win an award, action' we'll all have taken 10 steps back. It's all about the art. Who cares about anything else?"

#RevKingWouldBeProud.

APPLE

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This is not just an issue in terrorist cases. Many law enforcement agencies want easier access to digital devices. This is another area for courts and legislative bodies to explore. If companies must provide help in terrorism cases, what about cases of murder or child pornography? What about fraud or stalking or burglary? The questions are extensive and complicated.

The FBI and the county that technically owns the iPhone 5C reportedly made some mistakes. The county, perhaps at the FBI's request, reset the password, unaware that doing so would block access to some data. And the county had paid for—but failed to install—software that would have preserved access to the phones it supplied to employees.

Those mistakes should provide important guidelines to other jurisdictions across the country so they can preserve access to data on corporate or publicly owned phones.

But the mistakes do not change the fundamental equation. Digital devices must be subject to lawful search.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First line of defense

I am pleased to learn that two members from the U.S. House Armed Service subcommittee on Readiness visited the CNMI. Chairman Rob Whitman visited the CNMI and was accompanied by Delegate Madeleine Zeien Bordallo, a ranking member of the subcommittee. I sincerely hope that our elected officials have a better understanding of the military projects involving Tinian and the CNMI as a whole.

Chairman Whitman spoke about the economic impact that will result from the increase military activities in Guam and the CNMI. We, in the private sector would like to hear more from our elected leaders on how they perceive the increase in military projects means to the people of the CNMI.

For security reasons, the U.S. Department of Defense is unable to share with us the real purpose for the training of our men and women in uniform; the fallout effect and the need to train our military forces exceeds the economic well-being for the people of Tinian and the rest of the CNMI. They don't need to be emphatically describe their objectives; they must be fully prepared to defend us in case of turmoil. Guam and the CNMI are on the "FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE."

Just watch the premier of the nations northwest of us. He wants to show the world that he has power. I just hope that he does not show off his power by pushing the button to send off a missile to wipe us out. For the past two decades or so, we are blessed by the presence of the advance military vessels seen just west of Saipan. Have you ever asked yourself why they are here??

The nation northwest of us is capable of launching long-range nuclear missiles. Just check out the World News on and see this unstable-minded he is. What is going to prevent him from wiping us out with one push of a button. The CNMI is the least populated territory of the United States. So we are vulnerable in that respect.

Lest we forget the islands in the Marianas might be in the first line of defense in the Far East. We must be prepared to use whatever it takes to protect ourselves and our motherland. Guam has various military bases as their contribution to defend our freedom. We must also be willing to contribute and accommodate the strategic need for our own security.

Having lived through World War II and the invasion of Saipan in June 1944, I don't ever want to see another war.

David M. Sablan Sr.
Papago

Too polite

Dennis B. Chan's February 26, 2016 article "Report: Military should avoid live-firing training" is enlightening because it shows how little credibility the Navy has with growing trust with Chamorros and Chamolinians in our Mariana Islands chain.

I am glad to see that the U.S. National Park Service is calling out the Navy on ignoring, back peddling, or reversing various stated positions informed from previous navy studies. The National Park Service, in my opinion, is too polite in its characterization that the military "would significantly diminish the integrity and directly adversely affect" Ushi Point, North Field, Landing Beaches (North Field) National Historic Landmark District.

The more accurate portrayal is that the military will damage, destroy, break, and ruin much of the beautiful island of Tinian through use, in part, of amphibious vehicles that weigh several tons, ongoing live-fire exercises using small, medium and large ammo, use of ordnance and just being present, walking and transiting through report identified areas.

I'm also happy to see that the National Park Service has the courage to call out the military on several issues including the irreparability of the damage that will take place on Tinian island, how the Navy is ignoring past assurances to the people of Tinian and how the Navy is contradicting itself. It is most pleasing to see that the National Park Service wants to see the elimination of military proposals to install landing ramps at proposed beach sites because the landing ramps will not only ruin the cultural integrity of identified Tinian beach areas, but will damage and destroy coral and the surrounding areas due to marine corps beach landings and associated operational training activities.

The military, especially the Navy and Marine Corps need to start using plain language and terminology when talking about Tinian, our Marianas Island chain and the region. Overuse of vague descriptives in so much of the material produced by and for the military may work for military technocrats at the Pentagon or U.S. Pacific Command, but are unhelpful toward making islanders comfortable with understanding the total historical site, environmental and Chamorro cultural risk profile on such a small island such as Tinian, should the military get its way.

Chamorros, Chamolinians, and all residents of the Marianas Islands have the right to fully know and to fully understand just how potentially destructive, harmful, damaging and injurious total layered proposed military actions will be, over time, on Tinian's total environment and to our total Chamorro cultural systems and human health and welfare.

The military, especially the Marines and Navy, have other areas throughout the Asia Pacific to train for readiness to go to war. They can train in Iwo Jima, Australia, the Philippines, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea, Hawaii, the west coast of the U.S. or other places.

Levels of destruction to Tinian island that will accompany current military desires to train are unacceptable and unreasonable because Tinian is a tiny island and once historical landmarks, surrounding areas, and natural resources like Hagoi wetlands are destroyed or damaged, our Chamorro cultural and environmental resource base cannot be brought back and restored.

Rick Perez
Via email

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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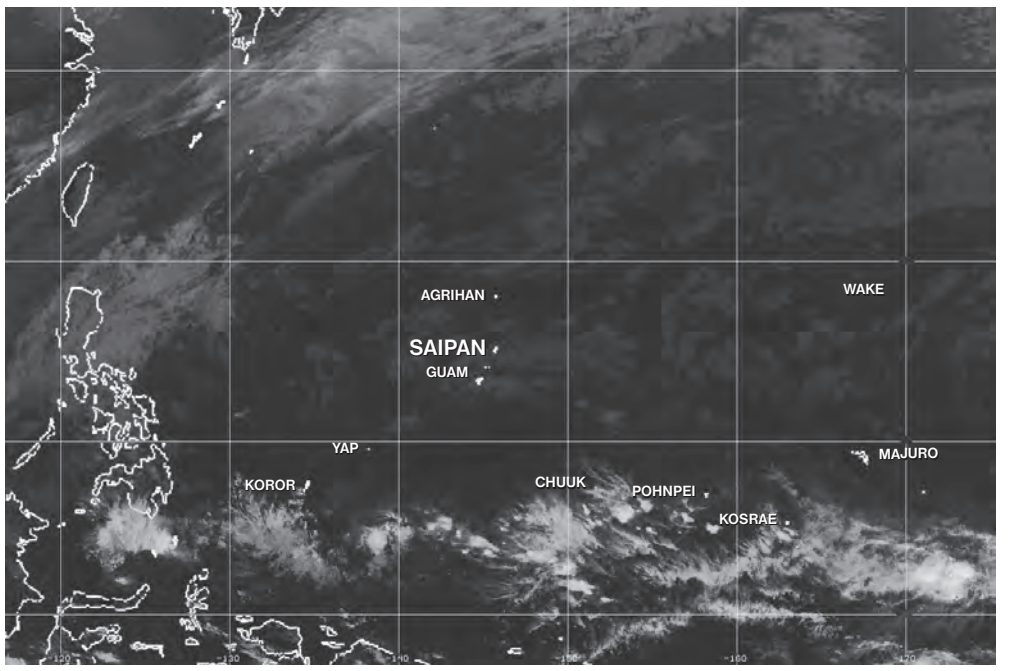
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front enters the discussion area near 25N180 and extends to 23N170E then continues as a shear line north of Wake Island continuing through the Northern Marianas at 19N145E to beyond 130E at 18N. Patchy clouds and showers are found along and up to 150 miles northwest of this boundary. A near-equatorial trough extends east-southeastward from 2N130E to EQ145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms could be found south of Palau, Yap and Chuuk between 1N and 6N from 130E to 152E. Low-level trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers near Chuuk and Pohnpei between 5N and 7N from 152E to 160E and between 3N and 7N from 163E to 167E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Majuro between 1N and 3N from 170E to 180. A series of trade-wind disturbances are generating patchy areas of clouds and showers from near the Marianas and eastward or between 12N and 17N from 140E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼79

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲76	▼65
Beijing	Sunny	▲52	▼25
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲62	▼58
Honolulu	Showers	▲81	▼69
London	Mostly Sunny	▲49	▼35
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲79	▼58
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼73
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲95	▼63
Miami	Cloudy	▲76	▼66
New York	Showers	▲57	▼40
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲44	▼34
Paris	Showers	▲46	▼43
Pusan	Sunny	▲47	▼29
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼44
Salem	Showers	▲58	▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲71	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲39	▼27
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲50	▼34
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼40

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:30 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
11:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:28 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:35 AM	6:24 PM
Tuesday	6:34 AM	6:25 PM
Wednesday	6:34 AM	6:25 PM
Thursday	6:33 AM	6:25 PM
Friday	6:32 AM	6:25 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:33 PM	10:38 AM
Tuesday		11:21 AM
Wednesday	12:22 AM	12:06 PM
Thursday	1:13 AM	12:55 PM
Friday	2:04 AM	1:47 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	11:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2928/183	6:05pm	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2928/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2928/193	6:05pm	11:10pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	7:20am+1	1, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	9:00am+1	3, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/721	3:50am	12:50am	Daily via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:35am	3:10pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2927	10:00am	5:35pm	3 via GUM
UA190/2929	10:00am	9:20pm	3 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/627	12:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA192/2920	10:20pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	10:20pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA192/2929	10:20pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2925	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2921	10:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2920	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	1 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	10:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2929	10:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2925	11:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:59pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:59pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:59pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
UA116/2925	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	10:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	10:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	10:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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The Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted new members and sworn in new officers during a meeting last Feb. 20 at the Latte Stone Chapel in Kanoa Resort. Standing from left, Jonathan Liwag, Rep. Ed Propst, Shin-ha Sheena Kang Saures, Leo Pangelinan, Andrew Villanueva, Dr. Brady Hammond, and Jackie Che. Seated from left, Zalbert Palma, Norlyn Cabrera, Teisha Efraim, and Rebekah Hye Yoon Kim.

NMC's Phi Theta Kappa inducts 6 new members

Last Feb. 20, at the Latte Stone Chapel in Kanoa Resort Saipan, 13 students from the Northern Marianas College pledged to distinguish themselves through academic excellence by contributing to the community and the Commonwealth through various community service and leadership activities as members and officers of the Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

» 7 new officers also sworn in

PTK welcomed six new inductees to its ranks—Norlyn Pintor Cabrera, Rebekah Hye Yoon Kim, Teisha Helena Camacho Efraim, Zalbert C. Palma, Shin-Ha Sheena Kang Saures, and Andrew Kim Castillo Villanueva.

Seven new officers were also initiated—Su Jin Jeon (president), Kathleen Ann D. Laurio (vice president), Robert Ishmael Lopez Solis (public relations officer), Roy Luie A. Alegre (recording secretary), Angelray Guerrero (membership secretary), Teisha Helena Camacho Efraim (treasurer), Beda Garcia Mundo (vice president of scholarship), and Rebekah Ji Won Lee (vice president of fellowship).

PTK nominated Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) to be their keynote speaker, to which co-advisor Jacqueline Che immediately agreed.

"Congressman Propst has distinguished himself as a champion for education, and a public servant who is committed to service—a commitment that began long before he ran for public office; it will be an honor for him to address our inductees and speak about 'servant leadership' and the hallmarks we uphold at PTK," Che said.

NMC's acting president Jonathan Liwag, NMC's Dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan, Propst and his wife Daisy, and PTK advisors Che and Dr. Brady Hammond were present at the induction ceremony to welcome the new inductees.

Established by Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918, the PTK Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development thorough honors, leadership, and service programming.

Currently, PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members and 1,275 chapters located in fifty United States and territories as well as Canada and Germany. ***(PR)***

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(02) Auto Body Repairer: $6.10 - $6.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with at least two to five years experience as an Auto Body Repairer. Knowledgeable on repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies and straightening vehicle frames.

(01) Automobile Electrician: $6.10 - $6.75/hour
A minimum of five years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. Must be knowledgeable on electric motor, alternator, starter, and motor rewinding.

(20) Carpenters: $6.10 - $7.50/hour
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College graduate with a minimum of two years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician. Able to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing, and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientist.

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(2) General Maintenance: $6.10 - $6.35/hour
High school graduate with at least five years experience as a General Maintenance. Able to install various equipment.

(6) Heavy Equipment Mechanic: $6.10 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of five years experience as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. Knowledgeable on diagnosing, adjusting, repairing, and overhauling automobiles, cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks, conveyors and other heavy equipment typically used in construction.

(20) Heavy Equipment Operator: $6.10 - $7.15/hour
High school graduate with at least two years experience as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Must be knowledgeable on operating several types of power construction equipment such as, motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machines, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovel tractors and front-end loaders to excavate, move and grade earth, erect structures, pour concretes and etc.

(20) Mason: $6.10 - $7.00/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of three years experience as a Mason. Knowledgeable on smoothing and finishing poured concretes such as, floors, walks, sidewalks, roads and curbs using variety of hand and power tools. Able to align forms for sidewalks, curbs, gutters, patch voids and use various saws to cut expansion joints.

(03) Mechanical Engineering Technician: $6.10 - $6.50/hour
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(16) Welder: $6.10 - $7.00/hour
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College graduate with at least five years experience as an Accounting Technician. Capable of performing combined routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data and maintain accounting records.

(01) Administrative Assistant: $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of two years experience. Knowledgeable on construction business. Preferably someone who can operate Microsoft Office & Power Point Programs.

(02) Architectural Drafter Technician: $6.10 - $8.25/hour
College graduate with a minimum of five years experience as an Architectural Technician. Able to prepare detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings, as well as drawings and photographic relief of maps used in civil engineering projects such as, highways, bridges and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials, engineering practices and mathematics used to complete drawing drafts.

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(01) Construction Manager: $3,125.00
Must be a college graduate or with a minimum of five year's experience as a Construction Manager, including managers in specialized construction fields, such as, carpentry or plumbing. Knowledgeable on planning, directing, and coordinating activities concerning construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems with subordinate supervisory personnel. Able to participate in the conceptual development of a construction projects and oversee its organizations such as, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation.

(01) Diesel Fuel Injection Pump Technician: $6.10 - $7.25/hour
High School Graduate with a minimum of five years work related experience. Must be knowledgeable on repairing diesel fuel injector components, including pumps, injectors and turbochargers. Able to diagnose, service and maintain fuel injection systems.

(01) Diesel Mechanic: $6.10/hour
Must be a high school graduate with at least five years work-related experience.

(17) Electrician: $6.10 - $7.15/hour
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(2) Electrical Engineering Technician: $6.10 - $6.50/hour
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(01) Q.C. Asphalt Paving Technician: $6.10 - $6.50/hour
A high school graduate with a minimum of two years work-related experience.

(02) Rigger: $6.10 /hour
A high school graduate with a minimum of two years work-related experience.

(01) Sheet Metal Worker: $6.10 - $6.75/hour
A high school graduate with a minimum of two years experience as a Sheet Metal Worker. Must be knowledgeable on installing pre-fabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air-conditioning equipment and etc.

(8) Steel Worker: $6.10 - $7.25/hour
A high school graduate with a minimum of five years experience as a Steel Worker. Knowledgeable on rising, placing, and uniting iron and steel girders, R-columns and other structural members to form a complete structures or structural frameworks. Able to erect metal storage tanks and assemble pre-fabricated metal buildings. Position and secure steel bars or mesh in concrete forms in order to reinforce concrete structures.

(02) Tower Crane Operator: $6.10 - $6.35/hour
A high school graduate with a minimum of two years work-related experience. Must be able to comply with all safety regulations and work with minimal supervision.

(2) Truck Driver: $6.10 - $7.10/hour
A high school graduate with at least two to five years experience as a Truck Driver. Able to drive a tractor, trailer and truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW for various construction material transportation.

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Native Hawaiian group adopts constitution at convention

HONOLULU (AP)—A constitutional convention of Native Hawaiians has adopted a governing document that will go out to a vote for ratification, the organization behind the gathering announced.

The proposed constitution, approved Friday by an 88 to 30 vote with one abstention, allows room for recognition by the U.S. government while holding out for the possibility of independence, said Na'I Aupuni, an organization that says on its website it's dedicated to "establish a path for Hawaiian self-determination."

The U.S. Interior Department is giving Native Hawaiians an option to have a government-to-government relationship with the United States. The plan would extend to Native Hawaiians recognition similar to what many Native American tribes have had for generations. However, the department stresses that the Native Hawaiian government won't automatically be eligible for federal American Indian programs, services and benefits unless Congress allows it.

Under the proposed constitution, citizens of the Hawaiian nation would be any descendants of the indigenous people who lived in Hawaii before 1778, when the first Europeans made contact with the islands. It also says citizenship in the Native Hawaiian nation shall not affect U.S. citizenship. The government would be led by a president and vice president and advised by an island council, plus a legislature with 43 members representing the islands and Native Hawaiians, as well as a judicial authority.

The delegates to the convention were brought in by Na'i Aupuni. The proposed constitution will be presented to a vote by Hawaiians, Na'i Aupuni has said.

The Interior Department will negotiate the issue of recognizing Native Hawaiians as a nation with representatives of the community.

Opponents of the push for recognition by the U.S. government say it's a move to make Native Hawaiians like American Indians. They also say the effort does nothing to correct the wrongs of the overthrow of the Native Hawaiian government by a group of American businessmen in 1893.

"The attempt to establish a single race-based nation violates the Aloha Spirit and goes against the will of the majority of Hawaiians," said Kelii Akina, president of public policy think-tank Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Money being used in this political process should be redirected to advance Native Hawaiians through education, housing, commerce, and health care, Akina said.

Until the 1893 overthrow, the United States recognized the Hawaiian nation's independence, extended full diplomatic recognition to the Hawaiian government and entered into several treaties with the Hawaiian monarch.

The United States annexed Hawaii five years after the overthrow. Hawaii became a state in 1959.

Best Sunshine International joins the booth of the Marianas Visitors Authority Gungzhou Inteernational Travel Fair. In this photo, is MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres, who is photographed with BSI CSO Tao Xing and BSI marketing director Karen Deleon Guerrero.

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U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets and director general of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Services Arun M. Kumar, left, U.S. Consul General to the People's Republic of China Charles E. Bennett, center, and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. chief services officer Tao Xing are photographed during the DISCOVER AMERICA 2016 Brand USA China Mission in Guangzhou. This international trade mission is designed for new and emerging countries that are critical platform in Brand USA's marketing. This trade mission is an opportunity for participants to meet with tour operators, airlines, travel agents, incentive and meeting planners, and the media.

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Bordallo raises territories' fiscal stability during natural resources hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo raised issues with fiscal stability in Guam and the other U.S. territories during a hearing of the House Committee on Natural Resources regarding the debt crisis in Puerto Rico. Congresswoman Bordallo expressed her hope that any legislative effort to address the fiscal crisis in Puerto Rico would also address challenges in the other territories.

Specifically, Bordallo raised the need to address challenges with the Government of Guam's Retirement Fund and her bill to give GovGuam flexibility in extending the Social Security program to government employees. Congresswoman Bordallo introduced H.R. 3642 to assist the Guam Legislature in their efforts to reform the GovGuam retirement plan. She also raised the need for federal cover over for the Earned Income Tax Credit and an improved Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Medicaid in the territories.

Bordallo

"As Congressional leadership and the Obama Administration work toward a bill to assist Puerto Rico with their debt crisis, I believe that challenges in Guam and the other territories should also be addressed. The situation in Puerto Rico requires action, and we must be proactive to prevent similar circumstances in the other territories. Specifically, my bill to give flexibility in extending Social Security to GovGuam employees, as well as our collective efforts to obtain cover-over for the EITC and increased FMAP for Medicaid, would help to avoid a Puerto Rico-like situation from happening. I also believe that it is important to consider proposals that would include COFA migrants in Medicaid as well as ways to mitigate the impacts of compact migrants on local social programs. Addressing these matters would go a long way to helping our local treasuries and investing in our future. I hope that these proposals will be considered as part of the overall package, and I will continue to advocate heavily for Guam's inclusion in any Puerto Rico relief package." ***(PR)***

Boost for cyclone Pam recovery in Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu

PORT VILA, Vanuatu—Long-term recovery efforts from the devastation left by tropical cyclone Pam will receive a welcome boost in four Pacific Island nations following a EUR 6 million funding agreement between the Pacific Community (SPC) and development bank KfW, on behalf of the Government of Germany.

The funding agreement and some of the practical recovery measures it will support were announced on Tuesday night in Port Vila, Vanuatu, by the Pacific Community Director-General, Dr Colin Tukuitonga.

"Almost one year ago, cyclone Pam brought to the forefront the high risk of Pacific Island countries and territories to a range of natural hazards. Sadly, we're witnessing this again with the destruction left by tropical cyclone Winston in Fiji," Dr. Tukuitonga said.

"The recovery from such major disaster events takes years, and relies on the commitment of national governments, the generosity of spirit of development partners and the will of local communities.

"The intent of the KfW funding is to support activities that will contribute to the socio-economic recovery of the four countries, build resilience and help secure nutrition and health.

"The package of support was developed in consultation with the governments of Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, and informed by post-disaster needs assessments and their current development priorities.

"The most severe impacts of cyclone Pam were felt in Vanuatu, and so many of our activities will be focused there," Tukuitonga added.

Vanuatu suffered 11 fatalities, the displacement of thousands of people from their homes as well as severe damage to crops, infrastructure and livelihoods, especially in the worst hit southern provinces of Shefa and Tafea.

In Vanuatu, the funding will provide crucial assistance to rehabilitation activities, such as the restoration of safe drinking water systems and emergency communications, improving food security, support for health services, repairs to maritime and aids to navigation as well as the provision of multi-hazard mapping of Vanuatu's at risk outer islands.

SPC contributed technical support in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Pam, providing surge capacity to national agencies in the areas of post disaster needs assessment, food security, health surveillance and data for decision making, such as satellite imagery.

SPC's announcement of the disaster resilience programme in response to TC Pam, and the KfW support on behalf of the Government of Germany, coincided with a high-level consultation between Vanuatu's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and SPC to discuss collaborative sustainable development efforts, which included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. ***(SPC)***

Nation

Kansas town grieves shooting with 'Hesston Hustler Strong'

HESSTON, Kan. (AP)—Grieving residents of this small Kansas town parked riding lawnmowers with American flags planted beside them along some streets on Saturday and adorned them with "Hesston Hustler Strong" signs in a symbolic reference to the lawn equipment brand from the factory where a gunman killed three co-workers.

The Excel Industries factory nestled in the center of this peaceful community of 3,700 founded by Mennonite farmers has long been more than an economic hub. It is a source of pride that binds people together. It draws about 1,000 workers from small towns around the region and everyone seems to either work there or know someone who does.

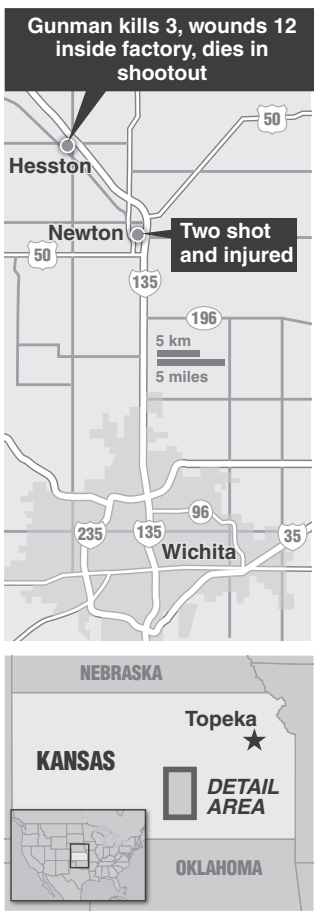
The Hustler brand evolved in the 1960s from the tinkering of a man from a nearby town, John Regier, who built a lawn mower that could turn and maneuver more easily to cut grass around obstacles such as trees and winding sidewalks. The company now sells Hustler and Big Dog equipment around the globe and in 2013 earned the Kansas Governor's Exporter of the Year award.

The quiet of Hesston was shattered on Thursday when Cedric L. Ford barged into the plant while about 300 people were working the second shift and opened fire. Authorities say Ford, a convicted felon, was upset after being served a protection from abuse order to stay away from a former girlfriend. In addition to three people killed, 14 were wounded counting two people shot as he drove to the plant.

It fell to Hesston Police Chief Doug Schroeder, one of a force of just six full-time officers, to rush into the plant without backup and kill the gunman in an exchange of bullets. An off-duty officer drove his pickup truck to the plant and took an injured worker to a nearby ambulance.

AP

Sandy Southern, right, and Jackie Peters hug during a candlelight vigil at Heritage Park in Hesston, Kan., on Friday. Feb. 26, 2016.



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Clinton thunders to big win over Sanders in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Hillary Clinton overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in Saturday's South Carolina primary, drawing staggering support from the state's black Democrats and seizing an increasingly strong position as the presidential race barrels toward Super Tuesday's crucial contests.

Clinton's lopsided win—she led by 48 points with nearly all precincts counted—provided an important boost for her campaign and a moment to wipe away bitter memories of her loss to Barack Obama in South Carolina eight years ago. She won the support of nearly 9 in 10 black voters, crucial Democratic backers who abandoned her for Obama in 2008.

During a raucous victory rally, Clinton briefly reveled in her sweeping support from South Carolina voters, hugging backers and posing with them for selfie photos. But then she pivoted quickly to the contests to come.

"Tomorrow this campaign goes national," she said. "We are not taking anything, and we are not taking anyone, for granted."

Sanders, expecting defeat, left the state even before voting was finished and turned his attention to next Tuesday's delegate-rich contests.

Putting South Carolina behind him, upon his arrival in Rochester, Minnesota, Saturday night, he gave a campaign speech of more than 50 minutes to cheering supporters - and never mentioned the day's events.

Police: 3 stabbed at KKK gathering in Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Three people were stabbed Saturday, one critically, after a small group of Ku Klux Klan members staging an anti-immigrant rally in Southern California clashed with a larger gathering of counter-protesters, police said.

The violence erupted shortly after noon in Anaheim's Pearson Park, about 3 miles from Disneyland. The KKK had advertised plans for the rally and about 30 anti-Klan protesters showed up beforehand, Anaheim Police Sgt. Daron Wyatt said. When the Klan members arrived, they were attacked as they exited their cars, he said.

One Klansman stabbed a counter-protester with the decorative end of a flag pole, Wyatt said. That stabbing set off a vicious brawl in which Klan members and protesters fought across an entire city block.

Witness video shows Klansmen dressed in black shirts decorated with the Klan cross and Confederate flag patches being surrounded by counter-protesters as they arrive at the park. A KKK member appears to hold out a flag pole to fend off the crowd.

"I got stabbed," a man is then heard screaming, lifting his T-shirt to show a wound to his stomach. A fire hydrant where the man briefly sat was covered in blood.

One Anaheim police sergeant saw another Klan member with a knife in his hand and a counter-protester bleeding nearby, Wyatt said. The sergeant took the KKK member into custody. Meanwhile, counter-protesters stomped on two KKK members, he said.

"All hell broke loose," said Brian Levin, director of California State University, San Bernardino's Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, who witnessed the violence. "I thought they were going to stomp these Klansmen to death."

Wyatt said police were present when the violence erupted, but he did not say how many officers were deployed.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: 3 officers shot, 1 fatally, in domestic incident

WOODBRIDGE, Va. (AP)—A newly sworn-in police officer on her first shift with her Virginia department was shot and killed Saturday and two of her colleagues were wounded in a confrontation stemming from a call about an argument. Officers received a call around 5:30 Saturday evening in Woodbridge, just outside Alexandria, about a "verbal argument," Sgt. Jonathan Perok, spokesman of the Prince William County Police Department, said. It's not clear how the altercation between the suspect and the police began the suspect is in custody and was not injured, he said. The department announced on its Facebook page that Officer Ashley Guindon had died, "as a result of her injuries sustained during the incident." Guindon had been a county police officer a few years ago and had left and returned to the force, Corey Stewart, chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Saturday night. He did not know the exact dates of when she started and left, he said.

World Trade Center transit hub opens under cloud of $4B cost

NEW YORK (AP)—The soaring, white transportation hub opening next week at the World Trade Center was designed to evoke a bird in flight, but it is hatching under a cloud. There will be no ribbon-cutting celebration when the train station's grand hall, called the Oculus, opens this coming week because the head of the bistate agency that controls the hub has blasted it as a "symbol of excess," with runaway costs approaching $4 billion. That's roughly the same price as the nation's tallest skyscraper, next door—the 104-story One World Trade Center. "The cost of projects, big and small, matters—a lot," Patrick Foye, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, said in a statement through a spokesman. "Whether due to unforeseen conditions, errors or misconduct, cost overruns consume precious resources and undermine public confidence."

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Appearing *Pro Se*

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
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MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:	)	FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0045
KALI JAMES BOWIE LIZAMA Minor Child,	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
JUAN SN. LIZAMA and FLORENTINA A. LIZAMA, Petitioners	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on March 14, 2016, at 1:30pm in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo

Dated this 11th of February, 2016.

Clek of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. **PRELIMINARIES:**
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes – January 22, 2016

II. **REPORTS:**
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. UNLV International Gaming Institute – *Update on the Casino Regulatory Training*
- B. CNMI Casino Regulations – Consideration for Permanent Adoption of the Casino Regulations

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Discussions on Casino Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS)
- B. Casino Junket Operator License Applications

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VII. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary.

/s/ Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

World

Spotlight: Top Vatican cardinal set to testify about sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP)—One of the highest-ranking Vatican officials is being compelled to testify in public starting Sunday about clerical sex abuse, an unusual demonstration of holding even the most senior Catholic bishops accountable.

Cardinal George Pell, Pope Francis' top financial adviser, will testify in a Rome hotel conference room for three nights running, answering questions via video link from Australia's Royal Commission with his accusers on hand to confront him.

AP

A Tuesday, March 31, 2015 file photo of Cardinal George Pell attending a press conference at the Vatican Radio headquarters, in Rome.

The arrangements, including the 10 p.m.-2 a.m. testimony window to suit Australian time zones, were made after the 74-year-old Pell asked to be excused from traveling home to testify because of previously undisclosed heart conditions that made flying too risky

The arrangement has had the unintended consequence of magnifying the event, which might otherwise have remained confined to a few news cycles in Australia. Now European and American media will be covering a story about pedophile priests, the rape of children and the church's botched cover-up—a story the Vatican wants absolutely nothing to do with.

Pell's testimony will begin just hours before "Spotlight," the drama of the Boston Globe's investigation into how the church systematically shielded pedophiles for years, vies for as many as six Academy Awards.

Pell has appeared twice before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Royal Commission, the highest form of investigation in Australia, is examining how the Catholic Church and other institutions dealt with decades of abuse across Australia. It cannot initiate criminal charges, but can recommend referring individual cases to police and prosecutors.

Pell, born and raised in the Catholic stronghold of Ballarat, has been dogged for years by allegations that he mishandled cases of abusive clergy when he was archbishop of Melbourne and later Sydney, where he led the Australian church until Pope Francis named him the Vatican's top finance manager in 2014.

Thousands stranded as Greece becomes a migrant 'warehouse'

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece is fast becoming the "warehouse of human beings" that its government has vowed not to allow.

Hastily setup camps for refugees and other migrants are full. Thousands of people wait through the night, shivering in the cold at the Greek-Macedonian border, in the country's main port of Piraeus, in squares dotted around Athens, or on dozens of buses parked up and down Greece's main north-south highway.

On Thursday, hundreds of frustrated men, women and children abandoned their stranded buses or left refugee camps, setting off on a desperate trek dozens of kilometers (miles) long to reach a border they know is quickly shutting down to them.

About 20,000 migrants were in Greece on Thursday, Defense Minister Panos Kammenos said. Of those, Macedonia allowed just 100 people to cross over from Greece's Idomeni border area.

By late Friday, not a single migrant had crossed into Macedonia that day, while 4,900 people waited nearby in heavy rain, according to Greek police.

Thousands more were heading north—about 40 busloads of people were waiting along Greece's main highway, while refugee camps in northern Greece and near Athens were full.

Greece is mired in a full-blown diplomatic dispute with some EU countries over their border slowdowns and closures. Those border moves have left Greece and the migrants caught between an increasingly fractious Europe, where several countries are reluctant to accept more asylum-seekers, and Turkey, which has appeared unwilling or unable to staunch the torrent of people leaving in barely seaworthy smuggling boats for Greek islands.

Hundreds of Boko Haram hostages freed; 100 militants killed

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)—Cameroonian and Nigerian forces have freed several hundred hostages in a border town held by Boko Haram including young girls who were being trained as suicide bombers, the commander of Cameroonian forces said Saturday.

Soldiers from the two countries also killed about 100 militants while liberating the Nigerian town of Kumshe, Gen. Jacob Kodji told The Associated Press. The town is 9 miles (15 kilometers) from the border with Cameroon.

"Our boys are still on the field with Nigerian soldiers and have received instructions to continue raids on all Boko Haram border villages until we defeat them," the general said.

Boko Haram began its insurgency six years ago in Nigeria, and has since expanded to the countries of Cameroon, Niger and Chad as those neighbors have aided the military effort to quash the extremists.

The jihadist group, which has pledged its loyalty to the Islamic State group, has killed more than 20,000 people and displaced 2.8 million in West Africa, according to the United Nations and Amnesty International.

The Boko Haram militants gained international attention when they kidnapped nearly 300 schoolgirls from the Nigerian town of Chibok. Dozens escaped on their own but more than 200 girls from Chibok remain missing.

Health & Fitness

App We Love: YouPlus Health

By DEBRA D. BASS
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

A St. Louis-based physician has developed a mobile health coach app that's perfect for New Year's resolution season. The YouPlus Health system was founded in 2013 with research from a team of doctors, psychologists and computer scientists to improve a user's nutrition, sleep and fitness levels.

You input your daily activities, food habits and sleep levels, and the app provides daily assessments on how to make improvements or acts as a cheerleader for your efforts. You'll get advice on personal training, dietary suggestions and sleep tips. The chief scientist and founder Dr. Steven Willey, who practices at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., said the app is designed to help people lose weight, reduce their waist circumference and improve their blood pressure and cholesterol levels among other benefits.

Whether you exercise at home or the gym, you'll have access to a 365-day custom fitness plan presented exercise-by-exercise, day-by-day.

There are recipes based on time constraints for those dining at home and for those eating out, there are menu recommendations for a wide array of restaurants.

And the app measures your sleep patterns and suggest ways for you to awake refreshed even if you've never heard of sleep hygiene. Free for Apple and Android devices. Links available at youplus.com.

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The YouPlus Health system helps improve a user's nutrition, sleep and fitness levels.

UN: Women in Zika countries should breastfeed their babies

LONDON (AP)—The World Health Organization says women in countries hit by the Zika virus should breastfeed their babies and there is no proof the disease can spread to their infants that way.

Zika has been declared a global emergency because of its links to a spike in babies born with abnormally small heads in Brazil and an increase in cases of a rare syndrome that can cause paralysis. Brazil has more than 1 million infections and the virus, which is now found in 36 countries, is exploding across the Americas.

In guidance issued Thursday, WHO said while Zika has been detected in breast milk from two mothers, there are no reports of Zika being transmitted to babies via breastfeeding.

But the U.N. health agency acknowledged there were many unanswered questions, including how much Zika virus is contained in breast milk, whether mothers may pass on protective antibodies to their children from a previous Zika infection and how long the virus might persist in breast milk.

AP

A health worker gives foot massage to 3-month-old Pedro Henrique in a hospital in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, during an examination that's part of a study to determine if the Zika virus is causing babies to be born with a birth defect affecting the brain.

WHO said there have been no cases of babies suffering severe neurological problems or brain damage after being infected with Zika after birth. The agency said its current breastfeeding recommendations remain valid despite Zika's alarming spread.

"The benefits of breastfeeding for the infant and mother outweigh any potential risk of Zika virus transmission through breast milk," WHO said.

Zika is mostly spread to people by mosquito bites, although there have been rare cases of sexual transmission. WHO has also warned that Zika "may present a risk to blood safety" and noted two probable cases of Zika spread by blood transfusions.

Until recently, WHO recommended that women with HIV—which is spread by bodily fluids—avoid breastfeeding, although they now say the risk can be managed if a woman takes antivirals.

Life & Style

Hollywood screenwriters face their own "OscarsSoWhite" drama

AP

In this Feb. 5, 2016 file photo, Marsai Martin, from left, Yara Shahidi, creator Kenya Barris, at microphone, Tracee Ellis Ross and Anthony Anderson accept the award for outstanding comedy series for "Black-ish" at the 47th NAACP Image Awards in Pasadena, Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Screenwriter Alyson Fouse was working on a sequel for the "Bring It On" movie franchise when the studio asked for changes.

"They wanted the black girl to be more ghetto, for want of a better word," Fouse recalled. "I said that's fine, we're doing a cheerleader comedy so stereotypes are what's funny. But I want the other side of that, too. I want a girl who's not ghetto." The African-American writer was able to create a black teen from a posh private school, a rare victory in an industry that makes scant room for those of color or their perspective. "OscarsSoWhite," the hashtag protest over this year's all-white slate of nominees, is applicable to the original and adapted screenplay categories as well (with "Inside Out" writer Ronnie del Carmen an exception).

"There just isn't a lot of diversity within the core of people who are coming up with stories and developing characters," said Darnell Hunt, director of the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Hunt also has charted writers' employment for a decade for the Writers Guild of America, West, and sees "very little progress. To the extent there has been progress, it tends to be in front of the camera and very little behind the camera."

That's despite the growing colorization of America, with the transition to a non-white majority predicted within three decades. The expanding TV universe has been more agile in adjusting to the demographic change than movies, with ethnic and gender diversity in shows ranging from CW's "Jane the Virgin" to Netflix's "Orange is the New Black," and awards have followed.

The film academy adopted voting changes that may, in the future, prevent the omission of actors such as Idris Alba, who won a SAG award for "Beasts of No Nation," and Michael B. Jordan, overlooked for "Creed," while Sylvester Stallone earned a supporting actor bid for reviving his Rocky character.

But Oscar-worthy roles start with writers and directors, said Kenya Barris, the creator and executive producer of ABC's groundbreaking African-American family comedy, "black-ish." Barris, who is black, works with a writing staff that's majority non-white and half female.

"The moment we make improvements behind the camera, we'll have more opportunities to step up and have real swings at being noticed—not just for being black, but for being excellent. Not just for being gay, but for being excellent. Not just for being a woman, but being excellent," Barris said.

Diversity yields studio rewards, too. Movies with casts evenly split between white and non-white actors are more profitable, according to a new Bunche Center study that cites "Lucy," the Morgan Freeman-Scarlett Johansson sci-fi drama that grossed $400 million-plus worldwide, as an example.

"This is not affirmative action. .... More people would buy tickets if you featured people who look like us or reflect modern society," said Daniel Mayeda, co-chair of the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition.

Mayeda's group is part of an umbrella organization, the Multi-Ethnic Media Coalition, that in 2000 called on TV networks to boost minority hiring in all areas and has seen measureable results. This month, the coalition asked major studios including Sony, Warner Bros. and Disney to match that effort, including tracking minority employment and investing in "pipeline" programs leading to jobs.

The writers' guild has its own program to bring women and minority members to the industry's attention, said Tery Lopez, the guild's diversity director. But they fight a "business as usual" attitude that keeps decision-makers returning to the same pool of white male writers, said guild spokesman Neal Sacharow.

"If folks feel they have a successful formula, they will continue to work it," he said.

Alan Yang is an example of what happens when talent, without regard to ethnicity, gets a shot.

He started out writing for "South Park" and then moved to a staff job on NBC's "Parks and Recreation," his salary initially defrayed by a network diversity program. There he became friends with cast member Aziz Ansari, and the two went on to create and produce "Master of None," the critically applauded Netflix comedy starring Ansari.

The result? A show that goes beyond tokenism—the old-school version of diversity that made do with a black judge or doctor in the background—and includes a variety of layered characters.

"I want the representation of everyone whose stories haven't been told as much to be as accurate, as personal, and as truthful as possible," Yang said.

TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

HERMAN LAWRENCE UNTALAN HOFSCHNEIDER

born on August 4, 1958, sailed to his new home to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, February 22, 2016 at the age of 57.

Throughout his lifetime, ***†HERMAN, (known by many as "Må")*** was very caring, kind, supportive and most of all a loving husband to his wife ***SHEINA OSMENA HOFSCHNEIDER*** and father to his ***son MARKO.***

Må lived a simple life and was loved by many whom he had crossed paths with. Memories of his kind personality, friendship, laughter, pleasant smile, helpful hands and leadership shall live on in the hearts of his wife and son, his siblings, sisters-in-law and their families, **James U.**/Penelope B. Hofschneider and children; **Alvin U.**/Louise DLG. Hofschneider and children; **Bertha H.**/Raymond Aguon and daughter; **Richard U.**/Liana S. Hofschneider and children; **Norbert U.**/Lynette I. Hofschneider and children; **Alice Untalan Hofschneider** and son; **Julian U.**/Margarita D. Hofschneider and children; **Corrine Ana H.**/John R. Santos and children]; **Jude Untalan Hofschneider**/Zenaida C. Javier and children; **Florine** M. Hofschneider and Son; AnaMaria B. Hofschneider and children; Barbara F. Hofschneider and daughter. He will also be greatly missed by his uncles, Atanacio "Ace" C./Caroline Untalan; Jose C./Christie Untalan; Brigida I. Untalan and children and Juan M./Liz King; his aunties Augusta Hofschneider/Sylvestre Palacios and children; Magdalena M. Hofschneider and children; Guadalupe R. Hofschneider and children;
Emerenciana A. Hofschneider and children together with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, classmates, godparents, godchildren and close friends.

As he enters through the gates of Heaven, ***Må*** will be greeted and escorted by his parents, ***†Richard Villagomez and Andresina Cruz Untalan Hofschneider,*** joined by his brothers, ***John, Henry Lambert, and Francisco Rudolfo***, together with other family members who are now at peaceful rest. ***Må's*** love for music and the strumming of his guitar shall always be heard and remembered through the voices and musical talents of his brothers.

Daily mass of intention is offered at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church, Saipan, and holy rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at San Jose Church, Tinian. We, the family, invite you to join us as we say our last good-byes and to bring our dearly beloved to his final resting place on ***Tuesday, March 01, 2016 beginning at 7:30 a.m. followed with the celebration of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. at San Jose Church in Tinian. Burial service follows immediately at San Jose Cemetery, Tinian.***

Your presence, thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

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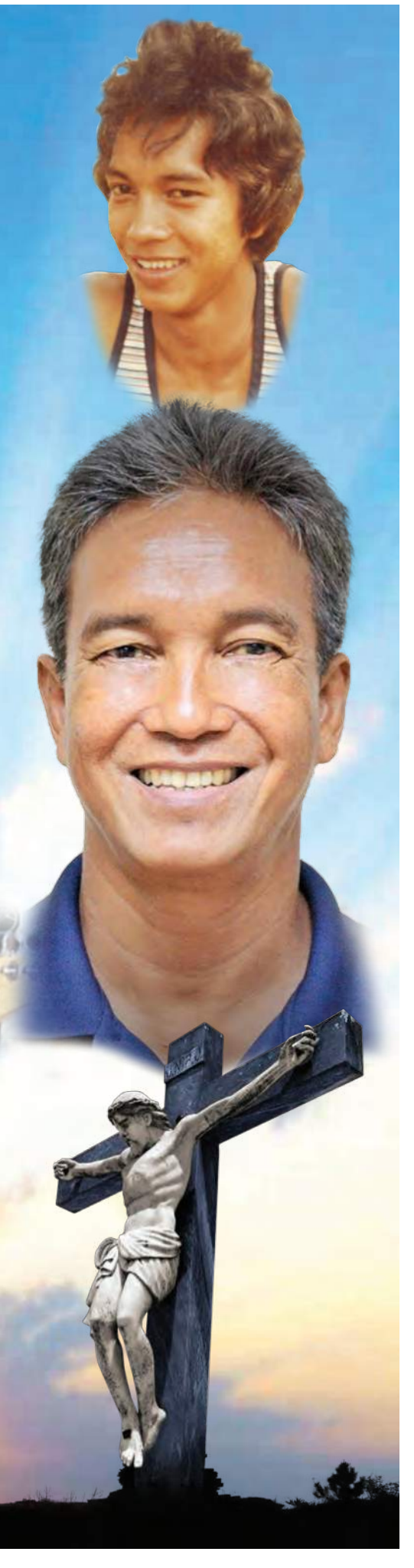

Oscar rehearsals beckon a parade of dressed-down stars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jared Leto presented an Oscar to Margot Robbie. Patricia Arquette gave one to Morgan Freeman. Chris Evans tried to claim a golden guy for himself. Kevin Hart, meanwhile, took a quick call while standing on the Oscar stage.

Saturday is rehearsal day for the superstar presenters appearing on Sunday's Academy Awards, and a parade of celebrities came through the Dolby Theatre to practice reading their lines and hitting their marks.

The ever-confident Hart—who told the person on the other end of the phone line, "I'm doing this and I'm out"—said he expected his rehearsal to be a "piece of ca-za-ke."

"Where am I sitting?" he asked no one in particular. "I was about to say all the black people should be in the first row."

The comedian arrived wearing jeans and sneakers, which worked out well as he had to move quickly when a large stage element came crashing down after he finished his lines.

AP

Priyanka Chopra appears during rehearsals for the 88th Academy Awards in Los Angeles, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. The Academy Awards will be held at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 28.

"That's what rehearsals are for," he said as a dozen stagehands worked to upright the fallen piece. "All right, guys. My part was great, though!"

Arquette improvised as she read the nominees in the category she's presenting, describing one as "very foxy" and awarding the prop Oscar to Freeman.

"It's a total upset victory!" she said with a giggle.

When Whoopi Goldberg returned to the Oscar stage, she addressed the audience of rehearsal actors.

"You guys are sitting (here) all day? Good God," said Goldberg, who has hosted the show four times. "But it's kind of neat, right? I like it, too."

Leto and Robbie laughed through their rehearsal. First, Leto read the actress' name when he opened the winners' envelope, then he intentionally fumbled the prop Oscar (in this case, a plain plastic water bottle) and dropped it on the floor.

Cate Blanchett was the most scrupulous in her rehearsal, running through her presentation several times.

"Is it here? Did I stop in my spot? Ish?" she asked the stage manager, adding, "You can always re-cast."

Representative: Yoko Ono home after being treated for flu

NEW YORK (AP)—Yoko Ono's representative says the 83-year-old artist-singer has been released from a New York City hospital after being treated for the flu.

Elliott Mintz spoke to The Associated Press on Saturday. He said earlier that Ono went to the hospital Friday night on the advice of her doctor after having flu-like symptoms.

Sean Ono Lennon said on Twitter Saturday that his mother was "running about as usual" after getting home. He says he may now go get a flu shot.

Yoko Ono is the widow of John Lennon of the Beatles. She was treated at Mount Sinai West Hospital in Manhattan.

AP

In a Friday, June 12, 2015 file photo, artist Yoko Ono appears during a ceremony announcing the future installation of Ono's first permanent public art installation in the U.S., in Chicago.

'Fifty Shades' dominates Razzies with 5 awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Fifty Shades of Grey" came out on top—or perhaps the bottom—at this year's Razzies.

The awkward adaptation of author EL James' erotic novel nabbed five prizes at Saturday's Golden Raspberry Awards, including tying it up with superhero flop "Fantastic Four" as the year's worst film.

"Fifty Shades of Grey" also "won" for worst screenplay, worst actor for Jamie Dornan and worst actress for Dakota Johnson, with the pair pinning down the worst screen combo award.

In addition to tying for worst film of the year, "Fantastic Four" was also lambasted as worst remake, rip-off or sequel and earned the worst director prize for Josh Trank.

Other dishonors included Kaley Cuoco as worst supporting actress for "Alvin & The Chipmunks: Road Chip" and Eddie Redmayne as worst supporting actor for "Jupiter Ascending." Redmayne won the best actor trophy at last year's Academy Awards for portraying Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything."

Sylvester Stallone, who is nominated in the supporting actor category at the Oscars for reprising his role as Rocky Balboa in "Creed," was bestowed with the Razzies' redeemer award, which lauds past Razzies recipients for recent work that's revived their careers.

The winners of the 36th annual Razzies were announced Saturday at the Palace Theatre in downtown Los Angeles, across town from the Dolby Theater where the 88th annual Academy Awards will be presented Sunday.

The Razzies, which were launched in 1980 as a spoof of Hollywood's awards season, were selected this year by 943 voting members from 48 U.S. states and 20 foreign countries.

Elton John, Gaga give surprise concert day before Oscars

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Elton John is indelibly connected with the Academy Awards for his long-running Oscar-night party.

But on Saturday, he created a new connection with a surprise concert in West Hollywood featuring Oscar nominee Lady Gaga, who is set to perform during Sunday's Oscar show.

The singer shut down several blocks of the Sunset Strip for the hour-long show.

The two singers performed John's 1974 hit "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" together, with Elton John dedicating the concert to the city of West Hollywood for its support of the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

Lady Gaga's "Till It Happens to You" is nominated for best original song.

AP

Lady Gaga performs on the Sunset Strip at an event co-presented by AOL BUILD and BBVA Compass on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, in West Hollywood, Calif.

Wife can't get past anger at husband who cheated

DEAR ABBY: My husband cheated on me and told me to find somebody else. He moved in with the other woman and spread lies about me, telling my in-laws that I had cheated on him. He was on probation, so I reported to his probation officer that he was lying about where he was living. He was arrested for it.

He is now incarcerated and facing a two-year prison sentence. We're trying to work on our marriage, but I haven't told him that I'm the person who reported him to his probation officer. I'm still angry at him for cheating on me. When I write him, I tend to bring up what he did when he was out. I have told him I forgave him, but lately, I don't even take time to respond to his letters. What should I do?

JUST PLAIN ANGRY

DEAR ANGRY: You're not writing to your husband because you are still angry with him, and this is another way of punishing him for leaving you. What you should do is ask yourself, honestly and rationally, if it's worth it to try and get past the fact that he not only cheated, but tried to damage your reputation as well. What you should NOT do, for your own safety, is tell him that the person who turned him in for a parole violation was you.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do with my parents' wedding album. My mother gave it to me as a gift when I was a teen, and I assume it was a coming-of-age consideration. I'm now in my 30s with a career that has me moving around frequently. I have moved once a year for at least the last five years, and I have had to pack up this album and box it every time.

I think that when my mother gave it to me, she figured I would pass it on to grandchildren, but I have chosen to not reproduce. My parents' marriage was anything but storybook. What little I remember was abusive and chaotic, and my parents split up before I reached kindergarten.

While these photos are fantastic imagery of a certain era, I do not want to move them around anymore. My father has since passed, and my mother lives in a small apartment on limited means, so I don't want to return it to her. She is also quite sentimental, and I'm afraid that handing this heirloom back to her will be disruptive.

I'm getting ready to move again and don't want to schlep this unwanted item to yet another location. Any advice?

BREAKING WITH THE PAST

DEAR BREAKING: I see no reason why you should feel compelled to hang onto a memento of your parents' failed, unhappy marriage. However, I do not think you should get rid of it without first offering it back to your mother. Although her apartment is small, she might want to make room for it not only because she's sentimental, but also because it is a part of her history—like any other family album.

If she doesn't want it back, consider offering it to another relative—aunt, uncle, etc.—or your state historical society before disposing of it.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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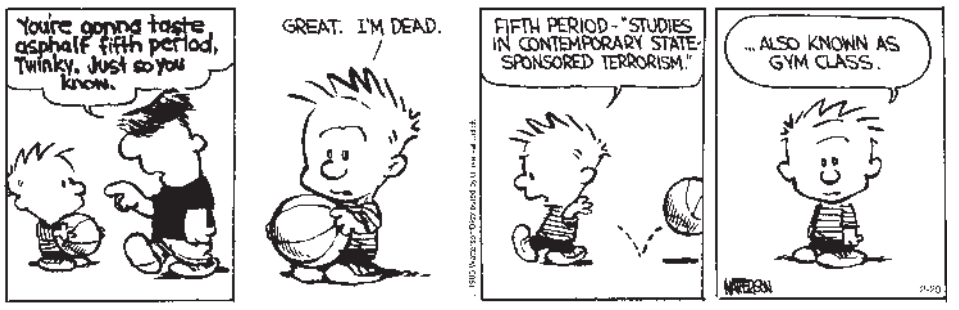
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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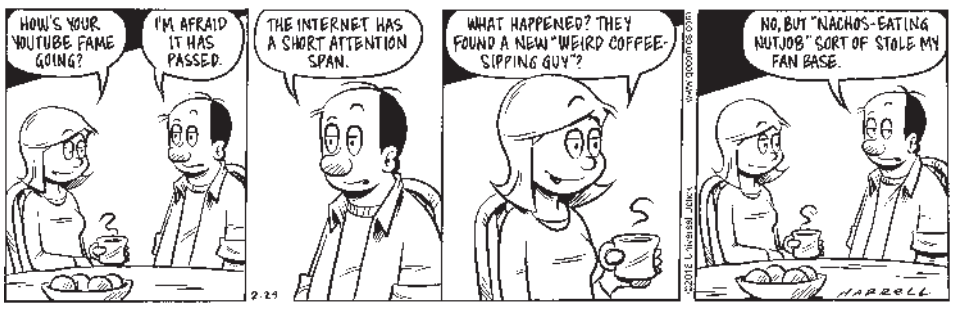
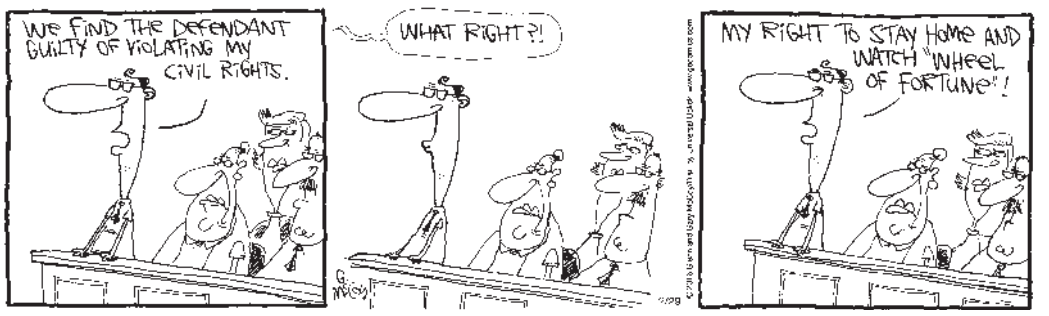

HOW'S YOUR YOUTUBE FAME GOING?
I'M AFRAID IT HAS PASSED.
THE INTERNET HAS A SHORT ATTENTION SPAN.
WHAT HAPPENED? THEY FOUND A NEW "WEIRD COFFEE-SIPPING GUY"?
NO, BUT "NACHOS-EATING NUTJOB" SORT OF STOLE MY FAN BASE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Door-frame piece
5 Cut the lawn
8 IRS employees
12 Mayberry moppet
13 Historic time
14 Vicinity
15 This and that
16 Spruces and firs
18 Awards dinner cry
20 Copies
21 Starring role
23 Perched
24 Sanctions
28 1492 vessel
31 Yoko of music
32 "— Marner"
34 A billion years
35 Dealer's foe
37 Piece for soloist and orchestra
39 Homer Simpson's barkeep
41 Swindle
42 Columns of light
45 Camera stand, often
49 New Year's Eve shower
51 Be slack-jawed
52 German car name
53 Scrap
54 Nothing, in Nantes
55 — Mawr
56 Method
57 Vortex

DOWN
1 Apple mogul Steve
2 Each
3 Wee parasite
4 Laid eyes on
5 Grease monkey
6 Acapulco gold
7 Wizard's prop
8 Long tunic
9 Easier on the eyes
10 Sleek, in car lingo
11 Get lippy
17 Sue Grafton's "— for Innocent"
19 Corp. kingpins
22 Apollo's birthplace
24 Not pro
25 — roll (winning)
26 Allied landing site on D-Day
27 Holiness
29 "— so fast!"
30 Year in Acapulco
33 "Lion King" villain
36 Dracula's bed
38 Asylum seeker, perhaps
40 Somme season
42 Wound cover
43 60 minutes
44 Pack cargo
46 Settled the bill
47 Newspaper pg.
48 Contradict
50 — -la-la

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Friday's answer 2 - 29

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Happy Birthday: Your sincerity and helpful input will offer freedom to explore new possibilities and projects that fit your personality and creative skills. Financial benefits will come from an unusual source. Take on any challenge you face this year, and you will gain confidence and prove your ability to take care of whatever comes your way. Trust in yourself and you won't be disappointed. Your numbers are 8, 15, 21, 27, 34, 44, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Be secretive about your finances and your whereabouts. Don't feel pressured to make a move prematurely. Stay put, keep busy and avoid giving anyone an indication as to what your next move will be. Romance is featured. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't pay attention to negative people. Opt to be the one who brings life and energy into a room. Positive energy will help boost your popularity and could also make others recognize that offering solutions instead of criticism will bring everyone better results. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Peer pressure can be difficult to resist, but if you put your heart into doing a stellar job, you will advance. Put greater emphasis on mental and physical self-improvement and you will gain confidence and clout. Love looks promising. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): An opportunity is within your reach, but you have to do your part. Now is the time to explore your dreams and to let your imagination take you on an adventure. Your intuition will not let you down. Believe in yourself. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You can make personal changes, but try not to cause discord at home. Subtle moves will be far less difficult to achieve. The realization of what you want will help to stabilize your life. Romance will improve your mindset. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Listen to what others have to say. It's in your best interest to research and come up with incredibly unique solutions. Your ability to masterfully present all the information you gather will enhance your popularity. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Prioritize your to-do list and get started. Your enthusiasm will rub off on others. Socializing with people who share your skills or who work in an industry similar to yours will lead to inside information. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't be fooled by someone's hospitality. Ulterior motives are apparent. Take it upon yourself to venture down a path that doesn't require outside support, and you will avoid incurring debt or being put in a vulnerable position. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Listen carefully and share only what is necessary to get what you need or want. Don't believe hearsay or get drawn into a situation that will be costly or permissive. Live within your means and promise only what you know you can deliver. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take old ideas or items and recycle them to suit your current needs. Incorporating your ideas into your daily routine will save money, time and space. Refuse to let someone's unpredictability interfere with your plans. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Weigh the pros and cons of whatever situation you face. Listen to suggestions and show concern for those around you who are struggling. Your compassionate attitude will help ward off someone looking for an argument. Choose positive suggestions over criticism. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Uncertainty will be the enemy. Gather information and formulate a plan that will help you get what you want. Don't let anger take over, which could make you difficult to get along with. A well-thought-out solution presented amicably will suffice. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, relentless and passionate. You are protective and possessive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 2/29

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Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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4	7	2	3	6	9	5	1	8

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/29

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By DAVID OUELLET

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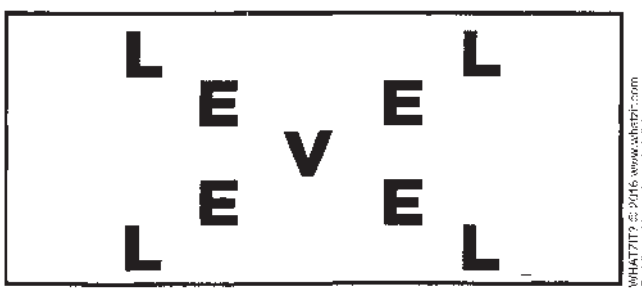

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(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $28,935.00 to $39,062 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Mechanic. High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had: 5 years of journey level experience are in a diesel engine power plant. 5 years of journey level experience are to be performing Mechanical duties. At least one (1) of the four (5) years must include leading a crew. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards. Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff. Performing and overseeing skilled journey level maintenance, operations and installation. Performing inspections of projects and operations to ensure quality and productivity levels. Ensuring the adherence to policies and procedures. Troubleshooting complex maintenance and operational issues. Recommending and implementing solutions. Providing technical advice, support and guidance to staff, other CUC department and other agencies. Processing requisitions to meet resource needs for projects and operations. Performing technical design on electrical system. Gathering and compiling data. Preparing and maintaining regulatory and status reports and related documentation. Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications. Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-009

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
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(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Mechanic
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation. Primary duties are as a TRADES TECHNICIAN MECHANIC: Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures; Provide assistances in monitoring and complying with regulatory compliance; Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility; Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions; Receives trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas; Analyzes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders, data, and prepares reports; Perform reconditioning of used parts; Perform alignment of pumps and motors at auxiliary sites; Bending, cutting, grinding and fabricating various types of materials; Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Four (4)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Mechanic or related field. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience performing mechanic duties on 15,000 HP or larger diesel prime mover engines and associated auxiliary units. Experience on Mitsubishi MAN, EMD, Cummins and/or Nordberg diesel engines desired but not required. Knowledge of: Mechanical principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Mathematical concepts; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Skill in: Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work of various plant systems; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining historical data; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Work primarily inside around machinery in operation; in varying degree of temperature in tight or cramped (confined) work spaces, at heights, on ladders or scaffolds, and on slippery or uneven walking surfaces in close proximity to high and low voltage circuits and climbs stairs frequently. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-010

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Electrician
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties as an TRADES TECHNICIAN: ELECTRICIAN for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations, troubleshooting and/or repairs.Generator, switchgears and engine control panels of various brands/make/model. Motor Control Center. Transformer. Protection relays. Overhead crane Read and interpret electrical diagrams and codes. USA standards, Japanese standards, European standards, & NEC (National Electrical Code). Knowledge in AC / DC system, Single and three phase system, Lighting and outlets, Paging System, Fire Alarm, & Battery Bank. Familiarize with the usage of various electrical test equipment; Multimeter tester, Insulation resistance tester, Transformer tester, Ground resistance tester, & Hydrometer. Familiarize with the usage of various electrical tools Crimper, Pipe bender, Hydraulic knock out puncher, Pipe threader, Micrometer, & Vernier caliper. Familiarize with the usage of various power and pneumatic tools Portable drill, Grinder, & Impact wrench. Operates specialized and heavy equipment. Emergency generator, Forklift, & Overhead crane. Attend to Trouble calls after normal working hours. Maintain of daily reports Practices SAFETY. Cleans, organizes and maintains work areas. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Two (2).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Electrician or related field. Vocational Certification and other specialized certificates. Must demonstrate having had: 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant. 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in performing electrical duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Performing skilled maintenance, operations, troubleshooting and repair. Recommending or implementing solutions. Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance. Math and reading. Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports.Utilizing all electrical tools and test equipment. Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications. Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-011

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
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(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Operator
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation. Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of all plant equipment and machinery including, but not limited to, generators, operation of valves, plant production operations, and unloading of diesel fuel tank trucks to storage tanks. Follows all safety and operations procedures during operations and maintenance activities. Responsible for monitoring all Plant systems as assigned. Will act as the responsible person when working without supervision. Responsible for entire plant during operating periods. May direct and/or instruct all other personnel as required during all other periods. May be on call for emergency response. Primary duties are as an TRADES TECHNICIAN OPERATOR: Operates, controls, monitors and inspects generators, switchgears, motor controls, transformers, protection relays, circuit breakers, compressors, RO system and other associated equipment; Takes readings from, meters, gauges and computers at established intervals, reads and interprets data to take corrective steps as necessary; Inspects records and log book entries, and communicates with other plant personnel in order to assess equipment-operating status; Performs systems operations to regulate and coordinate transmission load, frequencies and line voltages; Identifies potential issues and operational concerns; performs operational inspections and symptomatic maintenance; provides status reports; evaluates and implements solutions and corrective actions under emergency situations; Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Two (2)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Considerable knowledge in operation, repair, and maintenance of power generating and/or industrial equipment/facilities. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant operations and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing operator duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Performing inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication an interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Must be available to work a 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends and holidays. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-012

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Welder
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties are as a TRADES TECHNICIAN: WELDER for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Welder or related field. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing welder duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-013

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Machinist
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties are as a machinist for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing machinist duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-014

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Assistant Engineer: Electrical
(Rota Power Plant)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the section manager or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and oversees scheduled maintenance activities and small engineering studies to ensure adherence with specifications and standards. Monitors and inspects equipment for performance measures; performs preventative maintenance and assists with mechanical or electrical work; assists with the installation of equipment and related components; and gathers and prepares required hardware and tools. Performs engineering inspections; performs troubleshooting; researches methods and evaluates alternatives for improved efficiencies; and analyzes and recommends corrective measures. Collects and maintains operational data and records; prepares reports, statistics, design calculations, and engineering drawings. Reviews and evaluates vendor proposals; responds to customer inquiries and information requests; Monitors and inventories equipment and supplies; provides recommendations for replacement or procurement of required resources. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Rota Power Plant**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $27,456.00 to $37,066.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Coordinating and overseeing maintenance activities and engineering studies; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Assisting with mechanical and electrical work and installations; Gathering, organizing, analyzing and evaluating technical data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings, statistics, and related engineering documents; Applying safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and supplies inventory and making replacement recommendations; Reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Pre-employment drug testing required.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-015

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Assistant Engineer: Mechanical
(Rota Power Plant)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Resident General Manager Rota or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and oversees scheduled maintenance activities and small engineering studies to ensure adherence with specifications and standards. Monitors and inspects equipment for performance measures; performs preventative maintenance and assists with mechanical or electrical work; assists with the installation of equipment and related components; and gathers and prepares required hardware and tools. Performs engineering inspections; performs troubleshooting; researches methods and evaluates alternatives for improved efficiencies; and analyzes and recommends corrective measures. Collects and maintains operational data and records; prepares reports, statistics, design calculations, and engineering drawings. Reviews and evaluates vendor proposals; responds to customer inquiries and information requests; Monitors and inventories equipment and supplies; provides recommendations for replacement or procurement of required resources. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Rota Power Plant,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $27,456.00 to $37,066.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Coordinating and overseeing maintenance activities and engineering studies; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Assisting with mechanical and electrical work and installations; Gathering, organizing, analyzing and evaluating technical data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings, statistics, and related engineering documents; Applying safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and supplies inventory and making replacement recommendations; Reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-016

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Engineering Technician, Senior
(Water & Wastewater Engineering Division)

DUTIES: Performs specialized support and routine technical activities related to engineering and water system operations. As assigned, serves as a lead worker making work assignments and monitoring the completion of work by others. May be required to do a set of or all of the following tasks: Utilizes Computer Aided Design and other technical systems, prepares plans, profiles, sketches, as-built drawings and reports in accordance with established standards. Conducts field survey work; collects data and assists in providing staking sheets including cost, materials and labor estimates for services or projects; monitors and verifies project materials used and adherence with specifications. Performs project and site works inspections; reviews and reports water outage information and water production data; analyzes and reports damaged equipment information; works with contractor and manufacturers regarding warranty coverage. Conducts construction of sanitation facilities of medium to large scale of ordinary to complex systems; Conducts field inventories of equipment and maintains data related to inventory; prepares requisition vouchers for approval; recommends procurement of required materials; tracks procurement documents. Provides customer assistance and troubleshooting of issues which may include: water pressure research; addressing concerns related to encroachment and right-of-way; verifying application status; and restoring water service. Conducts research and verifies information for customers and project engineers. Analyzes data and documentation; creates and maintains system information in databases; prepares activity reports for management. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $22,865.00 to $30,867.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Education: Associate's Degree in Engineering Technology or directly related field and five years of general engineering support experience and construction oversight; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; construction methods, water system operations, and troubleshooting; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skill In: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Prioritizing, assigning and monitoring the completion of work by others; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Conducting and monitoring field inventories and equipment; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings and related documents used in assigned area of responsibility; Applying safe work practices; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to a pre-employment drug screening.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-017

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Until Filled

Chief Electrical Engineer: Licensed Electrical Engineer

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Power Division Manager or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Manages complex water, wastewater, or electrical projects and executing programs and elements of the stipulated order as required by EPA; coordinates and meets with other divisional sections and corporate divisions to coordinate activities and projects. Performs project management activities to include: preparing reports, correspondence and recommendations; developing scope of work; providing technical reviews; surveying for projects; scheduling project elements; evaluating proposals; monitoring project progress and funding; and, recommending project selection. Prepares engineering calculations, plans and specifications; designs water, wastewater or other utility related facilities; collects data and performs project research related to project and operational costs, and efficiency analysis. Manages construction and performs contract management work; evaluates bid documents; maintains correspondence with contractors; reviews submittals; interprets drawings and technical specifications; and evaluates work for compliance with contract provisions. Performs construction inspections; reviews and processes payment requests from contractors. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $100,000 per annum.
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Curry hits winning 3, sets record as Warriors beat Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Stephen Curry's 3-pointer from beyond 30 feet with 0.6 seconds left in overtime gave the Golden State Warriors a 121-118 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday night.

Curry finished with 46 points as his winning shot was his 12th 3-pointer, tying the NBA single-game record. He also broke his own NBA record for 3s in a season, leaving the new mark at 288.

With the win, Golden State became the first team this season to clinch a playoff berth.

Curry, the league's scoring leader and reigning MVP, missed about six minutes of the third quarter with a left ankle injury. He drove to the basket and rolled the ankle before Thunder guard Russell Westbrook stepped on it.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 37 points, but he fouled out in the first minute of overtime.

The Warriors won the previous meeting with the Thunder 116-108 at home on Feb. 6. The teams play again Thursday at Golden State.

Oklahoma City led by 12 in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors rallied. Klay Thompson made a 3 from the left corner to cut Oklahoma City's lead to 100-99. It was the first 3 of the game for any Warriors player other than Curry.

Durant responded with a 3-pointer with 14.5 seconds left to put the Thunder up 103-99.

Thompson quickly scored a layup, then the Thunder turned the ball over, and Andre Iguodala was fouled with 0.7 seconds left. Iguodala made both free throws to tie the score at 103 and force the extra period.

Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy attended the game. The Cowboys played in the Sugar Bowl last season.

Curry has made a 3-pointer in an NBA-record 129 straight games. Anderson Varejao played in his third game with the Warriors. The Cleveland Cavaliers traded him to Portland and the Trail Blazers waived him, allowing Golden State to pick him up.

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) celebrates after hitting the game-winning shot in overtime of an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Oklahoma City, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. Golden State won, 121-118.

Durant has scored 20 or more in 44 straight games. Durant was presented with the Western Conference Player of the Month award for January before the game. Oklahoma City scored the game's first eight points. Durant fouled out for just the fourth time in 621 career regular-season games.

Spurs 104, Rockets 94

In Houston, Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 26 to lead the San Antonio Spurs to 104-94 victory over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night, tying the mark as the seventh-fastest team in NBA history to reach 50 wins.

It was the fifth straight win for the Spurs (50-9), who have a double-digit lead in the Southwest Division and the second-best record in the NBA behind Golden State.

The Spurs wrapped up a 7-1 road trip, their longest of the season, and showed no signs of fatigue. They never trailed and held a double-digit lead for most of the night.

San Antonio led by as many as 31 in the second half and extended its NBA record of consecutive 50-win seasons to 17.

James Harden led the Rockets with 27 points on 10-for-25 shooting.

Trail Blazers 103, Bulls 95

In Chicago, Damian Lillard scored 31 points and Portland won for the 16th time in 20 games, beating the shorthanded Chicago Bulls.

Lillard hit the 30-point mark for the sixth time in seven games, and Mason Plumlee added 16 points and nine rebounds. Gerald Henderson scored 13 and the Trail Blazers got back to winning after blowing a 21-point lead in a loss to Houston two nights earlier.

The Bulls got a triple-double from Pau Gasol, but came up short with Derrick Rose (sore right hamstring) missing his third straight game. Gasol had 22 points, 16 rebounds and a career-high 14 assists.

Celtics 101, Heat 89

In Boston, Marcus Smart had 15 points and six rebounds as Boston held off Miami for its 10th consecutive victory at home.

Jae Crowder and Evan Turner each added 14 points. Jared Sullinger had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Boston took a two-point lead into the final period and seized control at 93-84 with 2:45 to play after three free throws by Smart.

Goran Dragic led the Heat with 21 points but was scoreless in the fourth quarter. Dwyane Wade finished with 19. Hassan Whiteside had 13 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocks.

Pistons 102, Bucks 91

In Milwaukee, Andre Drummond posted his NBA-leading 50th double-double with 15 points and 17 rebounds, and Detroit built on a strong start from 3-point range to beat Milwaukee.

Reggie Jackson had 22 points and eight assists for Detroit, which won its third straight game.

The Pistons opened 6 of 7 from behind the arc in the first quarter and 11 of 19 in the half. They capitalized on Milwaukee mistakes, outscoring the Bucks 23-6 in points off turnovers.

Khris Middleton led the Bucks with 26 points.

Timberwolves 112, Pelicans 110

In New Orleans, Karl-Anthony Towns had 30 points and 15 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins hit two free throws with 3.6 seconds left and Minnesota rallied to beat depleted New Orleans.

Zach LaVine added 25 points on 11-of-17 shooting, including a 3-pointer with 2:43 left that gave the Timberwolves their first lead since the first quarter.

The Pelicans tied the score at 110 on two free throws by Eric Gordon with 12.2 seconds remaining. Wiggins, who was 5 for 15 from the floor, then drove to the basket and drew a foul from Gordon.

Gordon and Ryan Anderson scored 31 points each for New Orleans, which played without All-Star big man Anthony Davis after he sprained his right big toe in pregame warmups. The Pelicans dropped to 1-6 in games Davis has missed.

Royals' Davis got best save moving from rotation to bullpen

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)—Looking back, Wade Davis got the biggest save of his career when the Kansas City Royals moved him from the rotation to the bullpen.

Mediocre as a starter, Davis has been downright dominant since becoming a reliever in September 2013.

In the last two years, combining regular season and postseason stats, he's 20-3 with 20 saves and an 0.82 ERA, striking out well over a batter per inning.

"That was fortunate to have a couple of years that are successful," Davis said. "It's definitely not going to help to think about it, so just prepare and get to work."

He did not allow a run in 10 2/3 innings in eight relief playoff appearances last year as the Royals won their first World Series since 1985.

"The numbers Wade's done the past couple of years are phenomenal," Royals bullpen coach Doug Henry said. "It's almost stupid."

In the clinching Game 6 of the AL Championship Series last October against Toronto, Jose Bautista homered off Ryan Madson in the eighth inning to tie it at 3. After Madson walked the next hitter, Davis was summoned to get the final two outs, striking out Troy Tulowitzki to end the inning, stranding a runner at second.

After a 40-minute rain delay, Davis was brought back for the ninth to protect a one-run lead. He immediately gave up a hit, a walk and three stolen bases, but got out of the jam by striking out Dioner Navarro and Ben Revere and retiring AL MVP Josh Donaldson on a grounder with runners on second and third base.

"When we get the ball to Wade, we feel like the game is over," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "In my mind, he's the best reliever in baseball and I think there's a lot of people's minds he's the best reliever in baseball right now. Every time you get that one-run lead, it doesn't matter who you're playing, you feel like that game is over."

Yost was equally confident during Davis' escape in that game against the Blue Jays.

"I just feel even in that situation that Wade was going to get out of it because he doesn't panic, he slows the game down and continues to execute quality pitches and with great stuff," Yost said. "That's what makes him so good."

SIDEBAR

Joe Johnson agrees to sign with Miami Heat

MIAMI (AP)—Joe Johnson has agreed to sign with Miami, a move that would give the Heat a shooter that they craved for the stretch run.

A person with knowledge of the negotiations spoke with the Associated Press Friday on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been signed.

Johnson could sign with the Heat as early as Saturday when he clears waivers. The earliest Johnson —who was bought out by the Brooklyn Nets earlier this week—could play for the Heat is Sunday, when they visit the New York Knicks.

It's a complex move for the Heat, who made a series of deals at the trading deadline to get under the luxury-tax threshold and avoid the highly punitive repeater tax. The team was planning to wait until the second week of March to add a player, then would add another in the final week of the season to fill the roster but still escape the repeater.

Barring another move, those plans are now changed.

The Heat have long had a philosophy that they would pay the tax if they deemed a move worthwhile, and Johnson's shooting ability apparently qualifies as such. He has 85 3-pointers this season, more than any other Heat player. Miami's top 3-point shooter this season is Chris Bosh with 81, and Bosh's status for the remainder of the season is most unclear as he deals with a blood clot that formed in his leg and was diagnosed during the All-Star break.

Miami is down to 10 available players, with three players—Bosh, Tyler Johnson and Beno Udrih— either hurt or ill, and two roster spots left vacant as part of the moves that got the Heat under the tax line.

The 34-year-old Johnson has a relationship with several Heat players, Dwyane Wade included, and has been to the postseason 10 times in his career. He has 1,797 3-pointers in his career, and has shaken off a rough start to his season.

Before Jan. 1, Johnson averaged 10.5 points on 35 percent shooting, 30 percent from 3-point range. Since Jan. 1, Johnson has averaged 13.4 points on 48 percent shooting, 46 percent from 3-point range.

Scott, Garcia tied at Honda Classic after wild day

The Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Adam Scott looked as though he couldn't miss as he began to pull away Saturday in the Honda Classic.

He hit every green through 13 holes at PGA National. He made seven birdies through 14 holes. He turned a three-shot deficit at the start of the round into a three-shot lead over Sergio Garcia. No one else was closer than seven shots.

One hole changed everything.

"Just one of those ones where it's the wrong time to make an error," Scott said.

Make that two errors. Scott put two balls into the water on the par-3 15th and made a quadruple bogey to lose the lead. He still managed a 4-under 66 to share the lead with Garcia going into the final round.

It was the other 17 holes that left Scott so optimistic about a chance to win for the first time since May 2014.

"I'm playing great," he said. "I have to say, I've played better every day this week, and it started pretty good. It's disappointing not to have walked out of here and shot 62 or something like that. But it might be tomorrow that I can do that."

Garcia lost the lead again with a bogey from the bunker on the 17th, but a birdie on the final hole gave him a 67 to catch Scott.

They were at 9-under 201.

Blayne Barber had a 69 and was four shots behind.

Scott and Garcia were quick to point out that Sunday might not be a two-man race, and there was plenty of evidence to back them up.

Rickie Fowler had a one-shot lead going into the third round and was the first player at the Honda Classic to go bogey-free through the opening 36 holes. And then on Saturday, he couldn't make a birdie. Fowler made bogey on the easiest hole at PGA National, the par-5 third, and wound up with a 74 to fall five shots behind.

Adam Scott, of Australia, tees off from the third hole during the third round of the Honda Classic golf tournament, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Nothing went right for Jimmy Walker, starting with the first tee. Playing alongside Fowler, he was introduced as "Jimmy Fowler." Walker had the lead with his birdie on the third hole. He didn't make another birdie until the 18th hole, and that was to break 80. Walker was 11 shots back.

"Who can tell me that the guys that are 4 under are not going to go and play like Adam did today?" Garcia said. "We'll see how the day goes. And then if it becomes a two-horse race on the last three or four holes, I'll welcome that. But I will expect some of the guys behind to shoot a good number and make it tough for all of us."

Thanks to one swing by Scott, those guys at least have a chance.

Justin Thomas opened with three straight birdies and had to settle for a 68, putting him at 4-under 206 with Fowler. Graeme McDowell had a 67 and was six shots behind at 207 along with Scott Brown and Vijay Singh (68). Singh made a double bogey on the 15th hole without hitting in the water, hitting in the bunker or hitting in the rough. His problem was the golf ball hit the putter four times from 20 feet.

Still, nothing was more shocking than Scott how quickly his fortunes turned.

The former Masters champion with one of the prettiest swings in golf was flawless. He ran off four straight birdies to close out the back nine, starting with a 50-footer on No. 6, the toughest hole of the day. Garcia's three-putt bogey on the 13th made the deficit three shots, and he was in danger of falling too far behind.

"Obviously, if he shoots 61 the way the course was playing, the only thing you can do is just say - I want to say it in Spanish, but you'll have to beep it," he said with a laugh. "There's nothing you can do. So I was just trying to make sure to stay with him again, still have a shot at tomorrow. I'd rather be where I am right now."

Scott's most important holes were the next two. He pulled his tee shot left, cleared the water from the rough and got up-and-down for par

"The par there was very important at the time, because it's really stopping a severe bleed after 15," he said.

And then he hit 6-iron to 10 feet on the 17th for birdie, regaining the lead when Garcia made bogey.

Scott last won at Colonial in 2014. Last year was his first without a victory since he was a 20-year-old rookie in 2000. Garcia ended last year with a victory in Vietnam on the Asian Tour. His last PGA Tour victory was in 2012.

"I think we're both pretty desperate to have a win tomorrow after putting ourselves in this position," Scott said. "So hopefully, we both play well and it's a good show."

Some draft hopefuls have more to prove off field in Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Duke Williams had something to prove this week in Indianapolis—that he has learned his lesson.

It's a job that will continue long after he leaves town.

Four months after being booted off the Auburn football team for allegedly hitting several people including a teammate during a fight, the humbled Williams was trying to take advantage of his invite to NFL's annual scouting combine by persuading someone, anyone, to give him a second chance.

"If I didn't get in any trouble, I know I'm a legit first-round pick," Williams said earlier this week. "I'm a first-round pick no matter what, but off the field I'm a seventh-round pick. My character is a seventh-round pick."

There's little doubt Williams has some NFL traits.

At 6-foot-2, 229 pounds, Williams is a potential mismatch against smaller cornerbacks even though he ran a 4.72-second 40-yard dash Saturday.

But in Williams' case, and dozens of others, character could count more than numbers.

In an effort to avoid costly mistakes, team officials find ways to scrutinize everything in Indianapolis—interviews with teams, test scores, drills on the field, mannerisms off of it, even how they handle the media.

"The people that we or the public deems are busts in the league, 90 percent has to do with what goes on above the neck," said Tampa Bay Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht, who took Jameis Winston with last year's No. 1 pick. "Whether it is a character issue or a mental issue, we put a lot of resources into that to find out about a player. You can't gauge that from watching them run around out there and do drills. It's mostly when you talk to them face to face."

Regardless of how much research is done, though, decision-makers don't always get it right.

Cleveland gambled two years ago by using a first-round pick on the flamboyant Johnny Manziel. Instead of becoming a franchise quarterback, though, Manziel wound up in rehab and has had a rash of off-the-field problems. He is expected to be cut soon.

One thing that has become almost standard fare for team officials is asking players with checkered pasts how they've changed.

Williams said he sought counseling.

Michigan offensive lineman Graham Glasgow, who was arrested for drunken driving in 2014 and tested positive for alcohol a year later while still on probation, said he stopped drinking beer.

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin explained he's surrounding himself with better people after allegedly hitting an officer outside a bar two days before last season's bowl game.

"I told them (the teams) the truth," Boykin said Saturday. "I told them exactly what happened from every detail. Either they accept it or they don't, I mean I'm truly remorseful for what happened."

Team officials must then judge whether the answers are believable.

Not all infractions come under the same umbrella.

Offensive lineman Alex Lewis transferred from Colorado to Nebraska after being involved in a fight that left an Air Force cadet unconscious. Lewis accepted a plea deal that included a 45-day jail sentence and two years of probation.

A former teammate recently alleged Tennessee linebacker Curt Maggitt punched him in the mouth after the former teammate tried to help a woman who claimed she was raped by two other football players.

And troubling patterns create bigger worries.

North Carolina State running back Shad Thornton was kicked off the team in September after being charged with failure to stop and render aid and failure to provide information after hitting a pedestrian while riding a moped. Previously, he had received deferred prosecution for a misdemeanor count of assaulting a female.

Eastern Kentucky defensive end Noah Spence left Ohio State after twice failing drug tests for Ecstasy. If he stays clean between now and draft weekend, Spence could be a first-round pick.

"There's a group of people I can't hang with," he said. "I have to be more myself and stay away from that party scene. It was more like partying and going out. Every time I did it, it was me going out and partying."

But for Williams, who was suspended for a 2014 bowl game and missed multiple practices because of an undisclosed "discipline issue" before the fight, there's far more uncertainty.

All he can do now is convince NFL decision-makers that he's turned his life around and hope someone gives him a shot in April.

"Plenty of nights I went to sleep and I cried, I really cried because I didn't just hurt myself, I also hurt myself my family, my friends, my teammates, coaches who gave me chance after chance. I hurt them," Williams said. "So I had to really collect myself as a person because when I lost football I felt like I lost a lot of things. That's something I put my heart into, and just to lose it overnight, it wasn't worth it."

Leicester, Chelsea leave it late to win in Premier League

LONDON (AP)—Premier League leader Leicester and reigning champion Chelsea needed winning goals in the 89th minute Saturday to keep on track their respective campaigns for the English title and European football next season.

Leonardo Ulloa came off the bench in the 78th to score the only goal of Leicester's home game against a Norwich side that looked to have earned a vital point in its battle against relegation.

Branislav Ivanovic headed Chelsea's winner in a 2-1 comeback victory at Southampton, which had previously kept six consecutive clean sheets in the league.

Elsewhere, West Ham moved up to provisional fifth place after a 1-0 win over Sunderland in the early kickoff, while Watford was held to 0-0 at home by Bournemouth, and Stoke beat bottom club Aston Villa 2-1. West Bromwich Albion edged Crystal Palace 3-2 in the late game.

Skeptics have been waiting since late last year for the bubble to burst in Leicester's sensational season. Bottom of the standings at Christmas in 2014 and top of them at Christmas in 2015, the Midlands club was widely expected to drop points as the season wore on.

AP

Chelsea's Baba Rahman, left, and Southampton's Shane Long battle for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match between Southampton FC and Chelsea FC at the St Mary's Stadium in Southampton. Saturday Feb. 27, 2016.

Two weeks after a 2-1 loss to Arsenal that ended a run of three consecutive wins, Leicester's title hopes looked set to take another knock at King Power Stadium.

Leicester forwards Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez have scored more league goals than the entire Norwich team put together, with 33 to 30. But they were kept in check as Norwich played Leicester at its own game, sitting deep, and then looking to hit the opposition on the break.

The tactic worked, at least until Ulloa's close-range strike put Claudio Ranieri's side firmly back in the Premier League driving seat.

"You cannot always play well, it's not important to play well or not, it's important to take points," Ranieri said.

"We wanted to restart. We believe in ourselves, we believe until the end that it's important to fight. We lost a match in the last second against Arsenal, and today we won in the last minute. That's football."

His team has five more points than its nearest rivals—Arsenal and Tottenham, who play on Sunday. Arsenal is away to Manchester United, while Spurs are at home to Swansea.

Infantino pay less than his No. 2 in new-look FIFA

ZURICH (AP)—After 17 years under the all-powerful Sepp Blatter, a sign of the FIFA president's newly diminished powers will come when Gianni Infantino's salary is revealed.

The head of world soccer will no longer be the best-paid person in the governing body under reforms instigated to curb the president's powers after corruption scandals that threatened FIFA's existence.

Instead, Infantino's No. 2—a chief executive in an overhauled FIFA structure—will now receive a bigger pay packet than the president, a person with knowledge of the situation said Saturday.

A three-man remuneration committee decided that neither Infantino nor his CEO should earn more than Blatter, who was reported to have earned around $6 million —a figure not denied by FIFA and which is likely to have fluctuated based on bonuses.

Infantino, the outgoing UEFA general secretary, plans to appoint a non-European CEO. As powers are separated across the executive, the Swiss-Italian will have no influence over commercial contracts so will not receive bonuses, the person said.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because FIFA salaries are not currently allowed to be discussed publicly. That is due to change next month when FIFA plans to reveal salaries for the first time in its annual financial report as part of reforms approved on Friday hours before Infantino's unexpected election win.

Blatter's final day on the FIFA payroll was on Friday, having joined in 1975 and spent 17 years as president until being found guilty in December of unethical financial conduct by the organization's ethics judge.

The presidency will return to the non-executive figurehead status long established before Blatter won election in 1998 and steadily asserted more control over FIFA. Under Joao Havelange, Blatter was in day-to-day control as secretary general.

"It is back to the school of Havelange when he was president, and the secretary—you do all the job," Blatter told The Associated Press on Saturday, when told of the new salary structure.

The 79-year-old Blatter's ban from soccer was reduced from eight to six years earlier this week.

Youth league opening pushed back to March 11

The opening of the Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League has been moved to March 11.

Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Elias Rangamar said in a brief interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Saturday said they still need to fix the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and wait for the team uniforms before they could open the youth caging, which was originally set to kick off today. He added that representatives of teams are requested to attend a meeting tomorrow at 5pm to discuss details of the new opening day and other requirements, such as entrance fees and waivers.

The youth league, which is being held for the first time in honor of the late Frank M. Diaz, will have 17 teams spread into two division. The U15 division has the Ol's Aces 1 and 2, Kagman Risers, NMI Rollers, Kanaka 4, Chalan Kanoa Saints, and 670 Sonics, while the U18 cast is composed of NMI Rollers Blue, White and Red, 670 Sonics and Junior Sonics, Kagman Risers, Ol'Aces 1and 2, and Tanapag.

Meanwhile, two adult leagues will also open next month at the Ada gym.

First up is the Inter-Government/Business League which will kick off on March 14 with 15 teams vying for the championship.

The participating squads are NMSA Spartans, CUC, DFEMS Kumason, DPS, GPPC, CHCC, PIC, DEQ, Feds, MJD Enterprises, CPA, Docomo, DFS, Customs, and Best Sunshine International.

Representatives of the 15 teams are asked to attend a meeting this Wednesday at 5pm at the conference room of the Ada gym. Entrance fees, waivers, and rosters are also due at the meeting.

The Men's Island-Wide Basketball League also has a meeting this Wednesday at 6pm with topics to be discussed includes the opening on March 15.

Ten teams are entered in the league with MJD Enterprises leading the field. Completing the roster are NMI Rollers, Hoops, Ol'Aces, Run N' Gun, 670 Sonics, Runnin' Rebels, Ali'i Blue Haus, Kagman Risers, and GMJ/IKKI Wholesale. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

KANG

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CNMI coach Jeff Race and junior player Isabel Heras ruled in mixed Open doubles event.

Race and Heras secured the division title following a 6-2, 6-1 finals win against Moris Villanueva and Mikayla Lopez yesterday. The finalists were the Top 2 seeds in the 10-team field.

The eventual champions were at the upper half of the draw and needed two wins to make it to the finals. Race and Heras first posted a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Asia Raulerson and Ryan Cho, and then eliminated Tony Kim and Tania Tan, 6-3, 6-2, to get the finals seat at the top half of the draw. Kim and Tan marched into the semifinals following a 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 win against Lydia Tan and Ken Imaya.

At the lower half of the draw, Villanueva and Lopez downed Ken Song and Malikaw Miyawaki, 6-1, 6-3, to set a semis date against Carol and Dong Min Lee, which knocked out Martin Jambor and Wendi Herring, 6-1, 6-1. In the semis, Lopez and Villanueva outclassed the Lees, 6-1, 7-5.

The duo of Donn Dunlop and Marivic Rosario was the other pair that joined the mixed Open doubles event and it fell to Song and Miyawaki in the opening round, 5-7, 6-7.

Kim played his second doubles event over the weekend and this time he came out victorious after teaming up with Michael Ren in the boys U16 division. Kim and Ren prevailed in the round-robin competition after beating Steven Goodwin and Vincent Tudela last Saturday, 6-3, 6-3, and Song and Robbie Schorr yesterday, 6-4, 6-4. Schorr and Song ended up in second place as they slipped past Tudela and Goodwin in an earlier game, 4-6, 6-1, 10-3.

In the girls U16 doubles division, Tania Tan and Miyawaki won in the finals against Ami Tsukagoshi and Mimi Sakano, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3). The eventual champions barged into the title game after ousting Conatsu Kaga and Grace Choi, 6-3, 6-3, while Tsukagoshi and Sakano took the other finals berth following a 6-4, 6-1 victory against Asia Raulerson and Maria Gregoire.

In the girls U12 double faceoff between Ericka Tuttle and Coume Kaga and Maaya Sato and Erie Ortega, the first pair coasted to a 6-1, 6-1 win.

The champions and runners-up in the PIC tournament were awarded with trophies. This year's competition was supported by PIC, Pacific Trading Company, Calvo's Select Care, Kanoa, and Coral Ocean Point.

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after Christopher Pangelinan and A.J. Johnson were struck out. Also stranded at first base was Ignacio Santos after fifth batter Joell Borja went down on a 4-3 putout play.

Meanwhile, the two other games in the Majors divisions were rained-out. Kagman Little Legals and McDonald's played in the second match with the former ahead at the top of the second, 3-0, before the game was stopped due to rain. It will be rescheduled on a later date with the opposing teams starting from the beginning. Also to be reset is the Kagman IT&E Regulators-Pirates tiff.

Two more Majors division games were played in the opening week of the Best Sunshine International-sponsored SLLB. The Twins and Docomo Ol'Aces were slated to square off in the first game yesyerday, while the Little Falcons were scheduled to face IT&E. Results of these matches will be reported later this week.

This year's Majors division has nine teams, which joined last Saturday's opening ceremony at the Francisco "Tan Ko' Palacios Ballfield. The league kicked off with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang doing the ceremonial pitch and acting governor Victor Hocog hitting the ball with Rep. Vinnie Sablan serving as catcher.

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of the first, while the former added a run off the Braves' error for a 3-0 lead.

The Braves then threatened the Falcons at the top of the third, moving within one, 2-3, after Robin Sablan scored the former's first run off a booboo from Angel Iguel at second base and Dave Mafnas' single brought home Josenio Alvarez.

However, that was the closest that the Braves could get as the Falcons' defense regrouped and they also added four more runs. The fourth came off Dickinson's sacrifice fly in the fourth, while the next two were courtesy off Iguel's two-RBI single in the fifth. The last run was made by Zack Reyes, who reached home off the Braves error at third base.

Dickinson and Yaguel scored two runs apiece for the Falcons with the former going 2-for-3 at the plate and the latter hitting 1-for-3. Tyrese Camacho and Aven Evangelista posted the two other runs.

2016 Saipan Little League Baseball Opening

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO and JON PEREZ

Saipan Mayor David Apatang delivers the ceremonial pitch during the opening of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, while an employee of SLLB sponsor Best Sunshine International stands by for assistance.

Acting governor Victor Hocog waits for a pitch from Mayor David Apatang.

SLLB players and coaches sing the CNMI anthem.

SLLB players recite the oath of sportsmanship with the help of master of ceremony and KSPN 2 news director Bob Coldeen.

The IT&E-sponsored Kagman Regulators walk out of the pitch at the end of the opening ceremony.

SLLB president A.J. Murig addresses the crowd.

CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios, center, receives a round of applause from opening ceremony guests and spectators.

Saipan Southern High School JROTC Color Guard carries the CNMI and U.S. flags as their anthems are played.

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Rousing start for Comets

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Comets' JP Castro makes eye contact with their catcher before throwing a pitch, while a Braves runner gets ready at second base during the top of the second inning of their Majors division game in the SLLB last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Comets crushed the Braves, 20-1, in the opening game in the Majors division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Comets got off to a rousing start, thanks to a six-run top of the second, including a homer from Gabby Saures. Saures went on to score three runs, the same number Sneak Sumor, Reid Teregeyo, and R.J. Muna had. Blas Nakamura, on the other hand, led the Comets with four runs and was 3-for-4 at bat with two RBIs. JP Castro pitched three innings for the Comets, struck out seven, and allowed only two hits with three walks.

First baseman Raijo Mendiola started the Comets' string of runs in the pivotal second inning as he walked, made it to second and third off the Braves' errors and stole home. Five of the Comets' next six batters also reached home to turn a 4-0 lead to a 10-0 bubble.

The Comets got the first four runs off Nakamura's RBI single and three from the Braves' miscues. The opening day winners also tallied four runs in the third inning and finished off the Braves with another six runs in the fourth.

The Braves, who recorded their lone run in the match at the bottom of the third off Heith Camacho's RBI single, absorbed the season-debut loss early as they left two batters stranded at the fourth. Isidro Cabrera, who walked, was left at second

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SIDEBAR Falcons draw first blood in Junior League

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The Falcons soared to their season-debut win after beating the Braves, 7-2, in the Junior League division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Pitchers Arby Yaguel, Spencer Dickinson, and Tyrese Camacho combined for 13 strikeouts to help the Falcons take the victory half an inning earlier.

Yaguel started out for the Falcons and struck out the Braves' first batter Anthony Dizon. He got three more Ks before allowing two hits and one earned run at the top of the third. Dickinson moved from home plate to the mound to relieve Yaguel and quickly struck out Blade Igitol to end the inning.

Dickinson pitched until the sixth and recorded six more strikeouts, while allowing no run, two hits, and two walks. Camacho took over in the last inning and struck out the Braves leadoff batter Vicente Camacho before walking Robin Sablan. Sablan then made it to second off a passed ball, but was beaten to third with Yaguel throwing from home to Max Pangelinan. A second strikeout from Tyrese Camacho ended the match and gave the Falcons the win.

The solid game of the Falcons' pitchers was complimented by their steady hitting. The Falcons got an RBI single from Dickinson and Justin Cangco at the bottom

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Falcons coach Manny Evangelista gives instructions to his players before heading back to the field to bat against the Braves during their Junior League game in the SLLB last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Kang, Paik take boys U12 doubles crown

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Daniel Kang serves during his and Seung Jin Paik's boys U12 doubles game against Rintaro Miyawaki and Richard Steele in the 16th PIC Tennis Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club courts.

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The tandem of Daniel Kang and Seung Jin Paik claimed the boys U12 doubles championship in the 16th PIC Tennis Championships after topping the round-robin contest over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club courts.

Paik and Kang finished the division with a 2-0 record, sealing the title yester after sweeping Rintaro Miyawaki and Richard Steele, 6-2, 6-2. Kang and Paik's other victory was registered last Saturday when they also took only two sets to down Andrew Chung and Min Gi Jung, 6-0, 6-1. Miyawaki and Steele won, too against Jung and Chung (default) last Saturday to settle for the runner-up honors.

Meanwhile, three other junior pairs were crowned champions in the second and final week of the annual tournament, while

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